



## Let's Go Build a Bike!

Where our hero determines not to be daunted by "instructions" choosing instead to throw off the shackles of logic and reason and go it alone.

Three Responses:

- Go to the Instructions
- Give Up
- Make it Up

## Who Dat? Who Dat? (Sco T T Y.)

I am here to \_\_\_\_\_.

And I want to make you \_\_\_\_\_, too.

## With Apologies

1 Peter 3:15b –

Always be prepared **to give an** \_\_\_\_\_ **to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...**

Apologetics:

- the \_\_\_\_\_ of the faith
- Giving reasoned answers for our faith

2 Timothy 2:24-26 –

*The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.*

**Opponents** must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a **knowledge of the truth**,

*and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.*

Non-believers are not our \_\_\_\_\_, they are captives of the devil.

## What is Truth?

Our hope is non-believers will gain a knowledge of the truth. But what is truth?

John 8:32b –

*... the truth will set you free! (YAY!)*

Acts 17 – Berean Jews are “Nobler of Character”

Why? They checked what Paul said against the Bible, the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for believers.

## Context Clues

When the Bible doesn't make sense, we gotta check what we are reading in light of the other passages on the same topic.

If there is a contradiction it is (choose one):

- More likely the Bible authors weren't inspired
- More likely we are reading the Bible wrong.

**John 8:32 in Context**

32b – *and the truth will set you free.*

32a – *Then you will know the truth,*

31b – *If you hold to my teaching then you are really my disciples.*

So it goes:

Hold to Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ =  
Real \_\_\_\_\_ =  
Know the \_\_\_\_\_ =  
Be \_\_\_\_\_!

So what is truth?  
Holding on to Jesus' teachings.

What is freedom?  
Being a disciple of Jesus.

**“That's me in the corner. That's me in the spotlight, losing my religion.”**

*“In the process of trying to **defend my faith**, I started thinking that **the other point of view was the stronger one.**”*

If we don't have answers we may choose to:

- ~~Go to the Instructions~~
- Give Up
- Make it Up

Recovery comes through: \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_!

**DIY Religion**

There are a ton of counterfeit Christians out there peddling their version of Christianity.

Making it up. Like Abraham.

How do we know the difference? The \_\_\_\_\_.

Our responsibility in this world? Go in to all the world and create \_\_\_\_\_.

(Not \_\_\_\_\_).

Know what we know and why we know it. (Or something.) – Joel O.

**And Now We Come to the Payoff**

Matthew 7:21-23ish –  
*Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven ... I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

We need to:  
Put down pride, pick up the instructions.  
Stop trying to put everything together on our own.

Follow Jesus  
Be his disciple  
Know the truth  
Be free.