

## I. Ignorance “How stands it between God and your soul now?”

**Ignorance:** I think of God and Heaven.

**Christian:** So do **the devils and damned souls** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ignorance:** But I think of them, and desire them.

**Christian:** So do many that **are never like to come there** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ignorance:** But I think of them, and leave all for them.

**Christian:** To leave all is **a hard matter** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ignorance:** My heart tells me so.

**Christian:** The wise man says, **He that trusts in his own heart is a fool** \_\_\_\_\_

Why does Christian say Ignorance has never had one good thought concerning his own self in his life?

**Because Ignorance refuses to believe his heart is so bad as to be completely unrighteous** \_\_\_\_\_

What are good thoughts concerning our own ways?

**Our ways are crooked, not good, perverse** \_\_\_\_\_

Christian seems very harsh with this man, but notice what his faith is in:

**Ignorance:** I shall be justified before God, through his **gracious acceptance of my obedience to the law** \_\_\_\_\_

What does Ignorance hold as his authority for his point of view? **his own heart** \_\_\_\_\_

Christian rebukes Ignorance, calling his faith ‘fantastical ... false ... deceitful’ since true justifying faith depends on the righteousness from Christ alone, not on any righteousness of works from man.

**Ignorance:** This conceit would **loosen the reins on our lust** \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Discussion about Ignorance “I much pity this poor man”

How do such people respond to conviction of sin and fear of judgment?

**Christian:** They seek to **stifle their convictions** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hopeful:** “I do believe that fear **tends much to men’s good** \_\_\_\_\_.

What are the benefits of true fear?

1. **It brings saving convictions for sin** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **It drives the soul to lay hold of Christ** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **It creates a continuing reverence for God, his Word and his ways** \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Mr. Temporary “a forward man in religion”

From the town of **Graceless** \_\_\_\_\_, next door to **Turn-back** \_\_\_\_\_.

He had some sight of **his sins** \_\_\_\_\_.

He was resolved to go on a pilgrimage, but he grew acquainted with one **Save-self** \_\_\_\_\_.

Hopeful gives four reasons why he turned back:

1. His mind was **not changed** \_\_\_\_\_.

2. He had slavish fears of **men that do overmaster them** \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The **shame** \_\_\_\_\_ that attends religion lies **as a block to their way** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Guilt is **grievous** \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

“When they are rid of their awakenings, they **harden their hearts gladly** \_\_\_\_\_.”

What essential thing do such men ‘want’ [lack], according to Christian?

**They want, or lack, a change of their mind and will** \_\_\_\_\_.

Christian gives nine steps in turning back.

1. They draw off their thoughts from **the remembrance of God** \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They cast off ‘private duties’ – what are these? **prayer, self-restraint, sorrow, watching for sin** \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They shun **the company of lively and warm Christians** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They grow cold to ‘public duty’ – what are these? **hearing and reading the Bible, godly conference [church attendance]** \_\_\_\_\_.
5. They begin to **pick holes in the coats of some of the godly** \_\_\_\_\_.
6. They begin to adhere to and **associate with carnal and wanton men** \_\_\_\_\_.
7. They give way to **carnal and wanton discourses in secret** \_\_\_\_\_.
8. They play with **little sins openly** \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Then, being hardened, they **show themselves as they are** \_\_\_\_\_.

“If people see little sin in their heart, then their esteem of Christ’s work on the cross will be little, and there will also be little love of the Saviour.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Maureen Bradley, *The Pilgrim’s Progress Study Guide*, p. 98.