

## **THINGS I HAVE LEARNED BY THE WORD OF GOD AND EXPERIENCE -- Nelson C. Turner**

- 1) All men are by nature exceeding vain and sinful, so much that pride and flesh to some degree taint the good works of the Christian with the odor of self.
- 2) The propensity to self-deception lies so deep in the heart and soul of man that only God's grace and moving within can reveal error and generate true repentance.
- 3) Christians will at times frame their rebellion against the word of God as obedience to it.
- 4) That many preachers and ministers become so enamored of themselves that they come to act and speak as if God needs them more than they need God.
- 5) Many professing Christians would rather follow a religious man (or expert, scholar, or authority) than Jesus Christ, and have a religious man as their final authority in the place of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 6) The providence of God so orders the events of a man's life as to instruct him; some are instructed thereby to greater or lesser degree; others turn aside rather than receive knowledge.
- 7) Obedience is better than sacrifice; the righteousness of Jesus Christ is most demonstrated by uprightness in the small affairs of daily life by those in fellowship with Him.
- 8) A man is justified by faith without works, and Christ the justifier works in them that have his faith.
- 9) That the means established by God and commanded in His word are the primary channels whereby we are able to know our own moral state. Reading the word of God, prayer, preaching, and assembling ourselves together in accountable fellowship are these means. These things arose an active contemplation of divine truth in the inner man.
- 10) All power in heaven and earth is given unto the Lord Jesus Christ of God the Father, and no man can stay His hand from His purpose.