

Nurture

"Admonishing Young Minds"

Expedients Word Search

When we discuss Bible authority, we speak first of the three means by which it is established: direct command, approved example and necessary inference. Briefly, we can know that God approves of something if He commands it to be done (e.g. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel."). We can know that God approves of our action if He approved of it on the pages of the New Testament (e.g. "Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread..."). And in many circumstances, it is necessary to infer part of God's message (e.g., the command to assemble requires we have somewhere to assemble). Only those inferences which are necessary are authorized. One might infer that the command to assemble for worship permits him to build a gymnasium with the church treasury, but such is an unnecessary inference and thus is unauthorized. Anything that does not meet these bases of authority is then also unauthorized and impermissible. We must speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent. We do not understand from God's history of communication with man that anything not specifically condemned is therefore allowed.

Once we have established Bible authority for something, it becomes necessary to execute. Most always, the execution of an authorized work requires us to make decisions about how to go about it. When Jesus told the apostles to go into all the world and preach the gospel, he left it up to them to decide how they would travel. They invaded the world by boat and foot and perhaps even other means. Today we travel by car, train and airplane, and even through radio, television and modem. We generally use whatever means of travel that is authorized and most expedient to the work.

An "expedient" is something "suitable for achieving a particular end in a given circumstance" according to *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*. Remember, however, that under God's law, any expedient must first be part of an authorized work.

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