

How We Control You

Fight Against Independent Thinking

¹⁹ As we study the Bible we learn that Jehovah has always guided his servants in an organized way. And just as in the first century there was only one true Christian organization, so today Jehovah is using only one organization. (Ephesians 4:4, 5; Matthew 24:45-47) Yet there are some who point out that the organization has had to make adjustments before, and so they argue: "This shows that we have to make up our own mind on what to believe." This is independent thinking. Why is it so dangerous?

²⁰ Such thinking is an evidence of pride. And the Bible says: "Pride is before a crash, and a haughty spirit before stumbling." (Proverbs 16:18) If we get to thinking that we know better than the organization, we should ask ourselves: "Where did we learn Bible truth in the first place? Would we know the way of the truth if it had not been for guidance

19. (a) How has Jehovah always guided his people? (b) How is independent thinking manifested by some persons?

20. (a) Of what is independent thinking an evidence? (b) What will help us to avoid placing our own views ahead of the organization's? (c) What first-century example is it well for us to follow?

from the organization? Really, can we get along without the direction of God's organization?" No, we cannot!—Compare Acts 15:2, 28, 29; 16:4, 5.

WE are your mother. Sure, we've blown it before, maybe you even got BURNED. But to question our authority makes you PROUD. *Bad children!*

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