

God
Scripture Certified
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We are constantly bombarded by endless suggestions, distractions, and things to keep us away from what's important and matters. The adversary is good at what he does and we need to be on guard to make sure that we know what the word says and believe it.

For many field of endeavor, you may need to be re-certified occasionally to see if you can still do the job accurately—fields like real estate, engineering, teaching, and many others need to be re-certified.

What about clergy and elders and those that teach? Shouldn't we re-certify ourselves with the foundational truths on every subject so we can help people accurately?

The greatest thing I was ever taught is the keys and principles needed to understand the Bible when read accurately, how it interprets itself, and how we can let the Words of God speak for themselves. No man can speak on behalf of God any better than God can speak for Himself. The Scriptures, The Word of God, is God's revealed Word and will. Period!

To accurately understand the Bible as it is written in the Scriptures, we need to read carefully what the Scriptures say using the laws of grammar, in the verse and in the context, paying attention to the words used in the Scriptures, the figures of speech, and the customs of the lands and times of when the Bible was written.

We may also need to read other passages dealing with the same word, the same subject, or the same event in order to understand it better. We should look very closely to see if they are identical or similar. Some may be similar in many areas, but not all; if there is a difference, they are similar or not identical. If they do not contradict, even if some things may be added or subtracted, we can consider them identical and use Scripture buildup to get a complete understanding. We need to watch carefully to whom a passage is written and of whom it is true. If there appears to be a discrepancy and we understand what is written, we may need to consider other texts and translations.

Early in the 2000s, a friend reminded me of what my father in the Word taught. If I put all my other reading material away and read nothing but the Bible, my neighbors wouldn't even recognize me. I would not even recognize myself. So I put away all my reading studies and teaching tape and read nothing but the Scriptures for the next three months. After three months, I saw the benefit to my life and kept reading the Scriptures. I did that for over two years, reading nothing but the Scriptures.

During that time, I saw the importance of reading the Scriptures. I wanted to teach my fellowship and others how to read the Bible accurately. I wanted to have some material available to help people read the Bible for themselves while showing foundational truths and the power of God available to them in the Bible.

Let us look at what the Scriptures say as we read them.

Romans 12:1 & 2 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present

your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world [age]: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

This involves reading and studying the Scriptures, God’s revealed Word, and will.

2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine [right believing and teaching], for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

2 Peter 1:20 & 21 “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost [God].”

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2 Timothy 2:15 “Study [using effect and being diligent] to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Some versions say “accurately handling the word of truth.”

1 Timothy 2:3 – 6 “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the [accurate] knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”

2 Timothy 3:7 “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13 “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”

Once again, “ye received it not as the word of men,” but as it is, in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

That’s why we always say the Word that we know and believe. It’s not enough to know it. We have to believe it.

Acts 17:2 – 4 “And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. 4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.”

Paul reasoned with the Thessalonians from the Scriptures, God’s Word. And many of them believed.

Acts 17:10 & 11 “And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more noble than

those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

Paul taught the Scriptures, and the people received what those men spoke to them from the Scriptures as it truly is the Word of God. Now they could believe the Word.

John 2:22 “When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.”

Romans 10:17 “So then faith [or believing] cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

The English word faith is thought to date from 1200 to 1250 from Middle English, via Anglo-French “fed,” Old French “feid,” feit from Latin, accusative of fide (trust), akin to fidere (to trust).

It is believed the word “faith” became part of the English language after the Norman Conquest, The military conquest of England by William, Duke of Normandy, primarily effected by his decisive victory at the Battle of Hastings (October 14, 1066) and resulting ultimately in profound political, administrative, and social changes in the British Isles.

This simply means that in English, two words are used for the same Greek word. The word believe and faith comes from the Greek word "pistus" and is the noun. The Greek word "pisteuo" is a verb.

The next topic is we need to remember is the manifestation of the spirits. That means the manifestation of the holy spirit but it also means of devil spirits, the devil, and his kingdom. We are not to be ignorant of that.

2 Corinthians 2:11 “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

That is how we can really help people. Right from the very beginning, we learned about the adversary.

The first Scripture that I really learned was John 10:10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:

Right from the beginning of Genesis, in the first three chapters, we learned what happened between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. We learned about the adversary, the devil. We learned about the great battle in the heavens that changed the form of the earth. We learned about that great dragon, that old serpent who was more subtle than any beast of the field, Satan, and the devil which deceives the whole world. Have you ever been deceived? Who has not?

We learned about the fall of mankind, The two spiritual kingdoms. One of the adversary, who is the devil, people who are born of the seed of the devil, and a third of the angels who rebelled now called devil spirits. The other is of God, His son, Jesus Christ, angels, and all of us who believe in what Jesus Christ has accomplished for us, and got born again. We've got to show people who brings all the destruction, all the bad things that happened to people, who

bring the diseases, who brings the trouble, who brings the mental pressure, who comes to rack and ruin people's lives. We got to let them know who it is, but, most importantly, we need to teach them how to stand against him and win.

To really help people, we got to show people the adversary without scaring them, without focusing on him, and without giving him any glory. All the glory belongs on God's side, our side. By teaching about all, we have in Jesus Christ. That we can be delivered from every situation that we find ourselves in, we have a delivering God.

John 9:1 – 5 “And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

As long as we are in the world, we must do the works that Jesus Christ did and greater because we are the lights of the world.

2 Timothy 3:11 & 12 “Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

The last teaching topic I want to get into is “We Need to Choose the Good Fight.”

2 Timothy 4:1 – 8 “I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine [teaching]. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables [myths]. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith [or believing]: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

Paul, Peter, and the rest of the Apostles all chose the good fight. Now it's our turn to choose the good fight, the best fight.

1 Corinthians 9:16 – 27 “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation [I have a stewardship intrusted to me.] of the gospel is committed unto me. 18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. 19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God,

but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. [Paul gave up his rights so that he could save some] 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”

We do this by “be not conformed to this world [age]: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

We do it and we teach it.

Does anyone here have a renewed mind?