

Bring Everything Back to the Bible

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“Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.”

Psalm 119:128

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

Isaiah 8:20

“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.”

Acts 17:11

“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

I Thessalonians 5:21

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

II Timothy 3:16-17

Introduction:

1. The only source of truth and wisdom in the world is found in the Bible and nowhere else. Glory!
2. We are Bible Christians, and the Bible precedes and makes possible the Christianity. Do you know it?
3. All questions and problems are answered in the Bible, but you must know it and do it, respectively!
4. Every question and every problem must be approached and solved by bringing all back to the Bible.
5. The Bible has the answers. Instead of fretting, worrying, or talking about dilemmas. Go to the Bible!
6. Every father in every home should face every issue with these words: **“What does the Bible say?”**
7. The flesh, the world, and the devil want you to look elsewhere, but you must go back to the Bible.
8. There are no purpose-driven substitutes that can come close to giving you the wisdom of God’s word.
9. No matter who ... no matter what ... or when ... or where ... **bring everything back to the Bible!**
10. Do not get distracted with opinions, history, results, numbers, science, “facts,” or anything else at all.
11. Do you know your Bible enough to answer certain words of truth to anyone (Pr 22:17-21; I Pet 3:15)?
12. When Jesus was tempted by the devil himself, Jesus answered each time, “It is written” (Matt 4:1-11).
13. This statement, declaring powerful dependence on God’s holy words, occurs **80** times in the Bible.
14. The similar words, “Thus saith the Lord,” occur **413** times in the Bible. What does the Bible say?
15. David spoke over and over about his great burden and desire and need to keep God’s words (Ps

119:2,4,5,8,17,33,34,44,57,60,63,69,83,100,101,106,115,129,134,136,145,146). What about you?

16. I address the men primarily, because God has chosen them to be the leaders and teachers of marriages and families (Psalm 78:1-8; Joel 1:1-3; I John 2:14; Eph 6:4; I Cor 14:35; I Tim 4:7; II Tim 3:6).
17. However, great mothers and wives are duty bound to help men follow the Bible (Judges 13:22-23; I Sam 25:32-35; Prov 1:8; 6:20; Eccl 4:9-11; Acts 5:1-11; 18:24-28; II Tim 3:15).
18. Women! The greatest leverage you have with husband or children is God's word (I Sam 25:32-35)!
19. There was in Israel and there is today a famine for the word of God (Amos 8:11-13; II Tim 4:3-4).
20. If you are a child in our church, you should get involved in Bible quizzing to learn using the Bible.

By nature we are ignorant and foolish rebels that continue to hurt ourselves.

- A. Zophar humbled us by reminding men they are born the same as a wild ass's colt (Job 11:12).
- B. The Lord knows all the thoughts of men – they are vain – empty and worthless (Ps 94:11).
- C. The world is not improving – violence, drugs, divorce, and dysfunction are widely increased!
- D. Abortion, same-sex marriages, huge fiscal debts, and rap music are not signs of progress!

Our world exalts compromise, political correctness, and vague confusion.

- A. Everyone has a right to his own opinion – there is no truth. Consider talk shows, panel discussions, chat rooms, open forums, free debates, sharing, committees, classrooms, etc.
- B. Just because you have read something, especially on the Internet, does not make it the truth.
- C. Why clutter a mind with suppositions, theories, or opinions that do not lead to God and truth!
- D. Consider Promise Keepers, State of the Union address, newspaper editorials, etc., etc., etc.
- E. Let us agree to disagree and honor differences are the answers when disagreements arise.
- F. Politics and religion are two subjects not to be discussed, because it might lead to arguments.
- G. Euphemisms are used instead of plain, definitive, and bold words that defend absolutes.
- H. The worthless pagan insanity of the American Indians and others are protected as valuable.

The Bible is the written record of what God has declared on all subjects.

- A. God reserves His secret will of what He will do to Himself, but He has revealed what we are to do, and we are to transfer that revealed will of God to our children forever (Deut 29:29).
- B. The existence and identity of the Bible as God's letter to men is incredible to thinking men.
- C. But that we have it, can read it, can understand it, and have a heart to obey it is even more!
- D. We esteem every precept about every subject to be absolutely correct and right (Ps 119:128).
- E. Scripture is inspired by God to make the man of God perfect in all ways (II Tim 3:14-17).
- F. The prophets and apostles who wrote were moved by God's Spirit (II Peter 1:16-21).
- G. Without the Bible as our Creator and Saviour's revealed will, we are hopelessly lost forever.

The Bible is absolutely and dogmatically the only source of truth in the world.

- A. Statements or opinions contradicting Scripture prove darkness (Is 8:20; I Tim 6:3-5,20-21).
- B. A godly man, even the sweet psalmist, hated every contrary idea (Psalm 119:98-100,128).
- C. Paul's spiritual opinion of men was "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4).
- D. God mocks all scholars and ridicules their wisdom (Job 5:12-13; I Cor 1:19-20; 3:19-20).
- E. "Thus saith the Lord" (413 times) and "It is written" (80 times) declare this great dogmatism.
- F. It is the job of preachers to make war against all your unscriptural thoughts (II Cor 10:4-6).
- G. Human efforts and opinions for problems are no more than putting a Band-Aid on a volcano!
- H. We want revelation, not rationalization – despise any contrary "discussion" or "evidence"!
- I. Any discussion outside of "thus saith the Lord" can never truly be settled with an opponent.

We must build our lives and thoughts on what God has spoken in the Bible.

- A. You choose daily to build on the rock of scripture or the sand of humanistic devil worship.
- B. Jesus warned authoritatively of the grave danger of disregarding His words (Matt 7:24-27).
- C. Someone has said, "God said it; I believe it; that settles it." This is the perfect life of faith.
- D. A poor man with a Bible is far superior to a rich man with educated conceit (Prov 28:11).
- E. Consider Elihu's confidence and boldness in the presence of four wise men (Job 32:1-22).
- F. Can we be as confident as the three Hebrew men before Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 3:17-18)?
- G. Remember that Jesus used Scripture when confronted by Satan personally (Luk 4:4,8,12).
- H. If we modify our attitudes, as if God is too extreme, we have chosen Eve and apostasy.
 - I. You must look into the perfect law of liberty and correct any blemish you see (Jas 1:21-25).
- J. It is not enough to read the Bible, or even comprehend the Bible, but rather apply the Bible!
- K. What are young men to do? They are to obey the Bible (Ps 119:9; Prov 1:6; II Tim 3:15).

The Bible is a great gift we should esteem highly and not be ashamed of at all.

- A. It was the great treasure of Israel and envy of other nations (Deut 4:1-10; Psalm 147:19-20).
- B. It was the sound basis for good and righteousness in the national life of Israel (Deut 6:20-25).
- C. It was their life; it was not a vain thing; it would prolong days in tranquility (Deut 32:45-47).
- D. We should be prepared to give the words of truth to those that ask (Pr 22:17-21; I Pet 3:15).
- E. David considered them a very precious heritage (Ps 19:7-11; 78:1-8; 119:14,111,127,162).
- F. David wanted to learn God's precepts and teach them unashamedly before kings (Ps 119:46).
- G. God's secret things we cannot know: His revealed things are a family treasure (Deut 29:29).
- H. If you neglect or reject the Bible, you sin against your own soul and love death (Prov 8:36).

We should oppose any attempt to compromise or dilute Bible authority.

- A. Are you politically correct? Or Scripturally correct? Or socially correct? Or all three? You cannot be all

three, because they are mutually exclusive. You should be Scripturally correct!

- B. When Christian scorners tell you that God does not care about details as long as your heart is right, you need to remind them of Nadab and Abihu, Moses, Saul, David, and Uzzah!
- C. Preaching the inspired scriptures corrects the perilous times apostasy (II Tim 3:1-17; 4:1-5).
- D. Are the following issues difficult for you? Do you consider them open to discussion?
 1. What about creation? God has spoken in Genesis 1:1; John 1:3; Heb 11:3.
 2. What about capital punishment? God has spoken in Genesis 9:6 and Exodus 21:12.
 3. What about child training? God has spoken in Prov 22:15; 23:13-14; and 29:15.
 4. What about abortion? God has spoken in Exodus 21:22-25 and Luke 1:41.
 5. What about wine? God has spoken in Deut 14:26 and Ps 104:14-15.
 6. What about children working? God has spoken in Lam 3:27 and I Kings 11:28.
 7. What about comedies? God has spoken in Eccl 7:2-6 and Ephesians 5:3-8.
 8. What about submissive wives? God has spoken in Ephesians 5:22,33 and Titus 2:5.
 9. What about sodomy? God has spoken in Deut 23:17-18 and Rom 1:24-27.
 10. What about slavery? God has spoken in Exodus 21:1-11 and 21:20-21.
 11. What about animal rights? God has spoken in Genesis 1:26-28 and Ex 12:3-10.
 12. What about birth control? God has spoken in Matthew 4:7 and I Cor 7:32.
 13. What about speaking evil of rulers? God has spoken in II Peter 2:10-12 and Jude 1:8-10.
 14. What about honoring parents? God has spoken in Deut 27:16; Proverbs 30:17.
 15. What about paying taxes? God has spoken in Matt 22:15-22; Rom 13:6-7.
 16. What about anger? God has spoken in Prov 16:32 and Jas 1:19-20.
 17. What about speech? God has spoken in Eccl 10:12 and Colossians 4:6.
 18. What about the basis for marriage? God has spoken in Proverbs 31:30 and I Cor 7:39.
 19. What about labor unions? God has spoken in Eccl 10:7 and Titus 2:9-10.
 20. What about holidays? God has spoken in De 12:29-32 and II Cor 6:14-17.
 21. What about musical instruments? God has spoken in Eph 5:19 and Hebrews 9:10.
 22. What about baptism? God has spoken in Acts 8:37; John 3:23; I Pet 3:21.
 23. What about talkative women? God has spoken in Proverbs 12:4 and I Peter 3:3-4.
 24. What about success in life? God has spoken in Psalm 1:1-3 and I Timothy 6:6.
 25. What about paying wages? God has spoken in Deut 24:14-15 and Jer 22:13-14.
 26. What about personal enemies? God has spoken in Matt 5:38-48 and Rom 12:17-21.
 27. What about severe child discipline? God has spoken in Deut 21:18-21 and Prov 30:17.
 28. What about the basis of happiness? God has spoken in Ps 4:6-8; 63:1-6; Hab 3:17-19.
 29. What about the source of hope? God has spoken in Psalm 27:13-14 and Rom 15:13.
 30. What about safety? God has spoken in Psalm 33:17 and Proverbs 21:31.
 31. What about talking to fools? God has spoken in Proverbs 26:4-5 and Matt 7:6.

32. What about goals for life? God has spoken in Prov 3:3-4 and Eccl 12:13-14.
 33. What is love? God has spoken in I Corinthians 13:4-7.
 34. What about limits to efforts? God has spoken in Psalm 127:1-2 and Jas 4:13-15.
 35. Who is the greatest in the kingdom? God has spoken in Matthew 19:13-14 and 20:25-28.
 36. And there are about a million more that you should learn to fully settle from scripture.
- E. Can you decisively identify a false premise in the opinions of men that contradict the Bible?
1. "This mollusk evolved 100 billion years ago." But God made it 6000 years ago (Ge 1:1)!
 2. "The body was designed to live 120 years." But God allowed 969 and said 73 (Ps 90:10)!
 3. "Global warming trends will eliminate seasons." But God promised seasons (Gen 8:22)!
 4. "Man was created to be a vegetarian." But God approved meat (Gen 9:3; Deut 14:26).
 5. "He was acquitted due to insanity." God said to put them to death (Ex 21:12; II Pet 2:12).
 6. "Jesus wants us to live in peace." But He said He did not come for peace (Mat 10:34-37).
 7. "Judge not, that ye be not judged." But He said to judge in that context and elsewhere!
- F. Can you see through euphemisms to identify the sin that is being covered by society?
1. Is it having an affair or making love? Or is it committing adultery (Pro 7:18; Heb 13:4)?
 2. Is it a one-night stand, casual sex, or partying? Or being a whoremonger (Heb 13:4)?
 3. Is it homosexuality? Or is it sodomy and vile affections against nature (Rom 1:24-27)?
 4. Is it alcoholism? Or is it drunkenness and being a drunkard (I Cor 6:10; Galatians 5:21)?
 5. Is it an attention-deficit-disorder? Or is it a spoiled brat needing a beating (Pr 29:15)?
- G. Can you read the published drivel and twaddle of men and see the rebellion against God?
1. Does it anger you when you read the hallucinations and opinions of men against truth?
 2. Can you cut through their ignorant rantings and smoke to see the anti-God issue at stake?
 3. When they say a telescope revealed the location of the big bang, do you laugh heartily?
 4. When they say capital punishment is not a deterrent to murder, do you laugh hilariously?
 5. When they call Picasso an artist and rap music, your child-like faith exposes the emperor!
 6. When they suggest conspiratorial guesses for every political event, do you see the King?
- H. Can you read a passage and submissively and eagerly grasp its full implications for you?
1. Do you pass over Sarah's "lord" as a joke, as a formal old English form of address, or as a Neanderthal anachronism? Or do you tremble that you do not reverence your husband?
 2. Do the words "form of godliness but denying the power thereof" merely give you a reason to rant against the carnal Christianity of Rick Warren? Or do they convict you?
 3. Do you glory in proud rage and lie against truth, or believe James' words (Jas 3:14-16)?
 4. Do you see Israel's false hope in the temple and keep false hope in the Bible (Jer 7:1-15)?
- I. Can you ignore the squeals and excuses people make for their problems to present the Bible?
1. All men want to imagine (by sinful delusion) that their problems are uniquely different.
 2. The simple answers of the Bible are too simplistic; they say, "You just don't understand."

3. Learn to hate the word, “but,” for it is an abbreviation for I don’t believe God’s Bible.

The application is two: esteem God’s word as David, and keep them as well.

- A. Consider that the primary emphasis of Psalm 119 is in the keeping of God’s scriptures.
- B. Paul warned Jews that boasting in the law without obeying was profane folly (Rom 2:17-25).
- C. Do not treat the Bible as a good luck charm like the Jews did the temple (Jeremiah 7:1-15).
- D. It is not enough to read the Bible, or even comprehend the Bible, but rather apply the Bible!

Conclusion:

1. You must read the Bible every day and absorb its history, doctrine, commandments, and judgments.
2. You must meditate on it and/or memorize it to be hid in your heart for communicating and obedience.
3. You must systematically apply it to all you read and hear to learn its honest and rightful application.
4. Every father and grandfather should always address every issue with this: What does the Bible say?
5. It is a terrible shame when men do not grow and become the teachers they should be (Heb 5:12-14).
6. If you are a child in our church, you should get involved in Bible quizzing to learn using the Bible.

For Further Study:

1. Sermon Outline: “**Why I Believe the Bible!**” proves the Bible to be supernaturally given from many angles.
2. Sermon Outline: “**Knowing the Scriptures,**” teaches the rules of reading and understanding the Bible.
3. Sermon Outline: “**Godly Priorities,**” reviews the many priorities that God establishes for us in the Bible.
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