

Doctrine of Pleasing God

1. It is impossible to please God if you do not believe that He is your Savior and that He blesses the believer who uses the two power options.

Rom 12:1 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.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: 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.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2. Without doctrine you will find your prayers to be an abomination to God.

Pro 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayers shall be an abomination.

3. Pro 12:1a tells us the man who loves spiritual growth will love knowledge.

Pro 12:1 Whoever loveth instruction loveth knowledge: and he that hateth reproof is brutish.

3.1 Notice Pro 12:1b tells us not to despise discipline; we should accept it and move forward. The man who rebels against the discipline of God is brutish and animal like.

3.2 Compare this verse to Heb 4:12. The anonymous writer of Hebrews declares the power of Scripture, how it cuts to the essence of our soul and human spirit discerning our true thoughts and intents.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

4. Doctrine was always with God, even from eternity past; before anything was, there was doctrine. Pro 8:22 and 23 also declare the importance God places on doctrine.

Pro 8:22-23 The Lord possessed wisdom in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. Wisdom was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth was.

5. God has magnified His Word, even above His name and reputation. A clear demonstration of the importance of His Word. Psa 138:2

Psa 138:2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

6. The attitude of a believer toward Bible doctrine determines whether he or she receives blessing or discipline in time.

Pro 8:33 Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it.

Pro 8:34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.

Pro 8:35 For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the LORD.

Pro 8:36 But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death."

7. Jos 1:8 says daily study of the Word of God will make the believer a unique success.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make thy way prosperous, and then you shall have a good success.

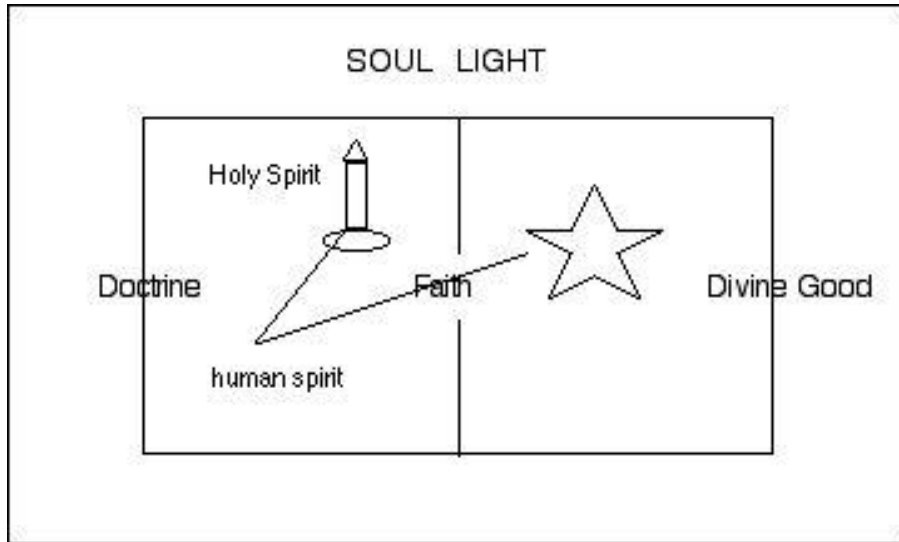
8. Doctrine is a basis for blessing in time.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: for I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

9. Doctrine must become more real than reality in the life of a believer.

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2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your heart:



9.1 A corrected translation of 2Pe 1:20 demands a categorical study of Scripture. Let me give you a quote from Scofield’s footnote of verse twenty: “Any private interpretation” might read “its own interpretation”; i.e. not isolated from what the Scripture states elsewhere.

Greek: Sentence continues:

ουτος this

πρωτος firstly

γνωσκω knowing

οτι that

πασ all or every

προφητησ prophesy

γραπη of Scripture

ιδιος all alone

επιλυσισ “is” a solution

ου not

γινομαι become...

Expanded Translation

2Pe 1:20 Know and understand no verse should be read and

interpreted alone; i.e., it must not be isolated from what the Scripture says elsewhere.

10. In order to function properly in time every believer is urged to get under the authority of his or her right pastor-teacher.

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, those men who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the result of their modus operandi of studying and teaching.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

11. A nation without a pivot of positive believers will fall under the fifth cycle of discipline. As go the believers in a nation, so goes that nation.

Hos 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land ...

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

12. The pastor-teacher in the local church has the responsibility for communicating doctrine.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, *pastors-teachers*;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

13. Doctrine is only found in the written Canon.

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

14. Doctrine produces several attributes.

14.1 Confidence

2Co 5:6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

2Co 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

2Co 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

14.2 Divine viewpoint

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalt itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

14.3 Orientation to the plan of God

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

14.4 A stable mind

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

14.5 A basis for divine guidance

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may know what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

14.6 All things that pertain to life and godliness

14.7 Works acceptable to God--Metabolized doctrine is the source of Christian production.

2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jam 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Jam 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth

therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

15. To avail ourselves of doctrine and thus avoid the catastrophe of being blinded by the lights of the world, we must consistently use our two power options; i.e., the filling of the Spirit and the intake of the Word.

16. This is the only way we can assemble the cast of characters listed by Peter.

17. For many Christians, their spiritual life is simply a one-act play. The first act for them is faith in Christ, but God desires that the show continue and the story line develop.

17.1 To avoid being a one-act play there must be a disciplined approach to rebound and study, rebound and study--the consistent use of the two power options.

17.2 Without the assembled characters the curtain will never rise on act two. A vast audience of unseen witnesses is waiting in the theater: the question perpetually remains. Are we willing to claim the promises which lead us to fulfill our very own sense of spiritual destiny?