

BEING RECEPTIVE TO THE WORD

A. MUST ACCEPT GOD'S WORD~~FOR AUTHORITY IN RELIGION

(Rev 22:18-19; Gal 1:6-9)

Prov 16:25 "There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it is death."

Jere 10:23 "Nor is it in man who walks to direct his own steps."

1. FEELING ARE NOT ADEQUATE.

(Prov 28:26) "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool..."

(Prov 3:5) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding."

2. CONSCIENE IS NOT ADEQUATE.

(Acts 23:1-2) "I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience up to this day."

(Acts 22:4) "I persecuted this Way unto death, binding & putting men.. into prisons"

3. PARENTS ARE NOT ALWAYS RIGHT

(Gal 1:14-15) "I was... being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions."

(Mat 10:37) "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

4. HUMAN WISDOM IS NOT ADEQUATE.

(1 Cor 1:21) "The world through its wisdom did not come to know God."

(1 Cor 3:19) "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

5. PREACHERS ARE NOT ALWAYS RIGHT.

(1 Pet 4:11) "Whoever speaks, let him speak as the utterances of God."

(1 Tim 6:3-4) "If any man advocates a different doctrine... he is conceited and understands nothing."

(2 Tim 2:15-18) "Be diligent to present yourself a workman approved by God who does not to be ashamed handling accurately the word of truth."

(Mat 15:14) "They are blind guides of the blind...both shall fall into a pit."

6. CREEDS DON'T DETERMINE TRUTH

(Mat 15:9) "But in vain do they worship me teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men."

(Acts 15:24) "Some ... to whom we gave no instruction, have disturbed you..."

B. God's Word Must Be Obeyed

1. (John 17:17) "Sanctify them in truth, **THY** word is truth."

2. (John 8:32) "Know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

3. (Jas 1:25) "Whosoever looks intently at the perfect law and abides in it, shall be blessed."