

Prove All Things and Hold on to What is Good

Most of Christianity has become spiritually lazy! It is easy to believe almost everything we've received in church without proving it. Most don't know how to go about testing whether a doctrine is Biblically sound or not! And what is even worse, people don't think it makes much difference if a teaching is good or bad. If it feels good, "Do it" is the philosophy!

Have you ever proved what you have been taught? Do you even care that what you believe is true or not? Christians today are far too complacent about their relationship with God. A little knowledge of God is enough for most people.

After all, God is an afterthought in everyone's busy lives. If a person spends an hour or two a week in church, that is enough of God for most.

God Challenges You!

God has said, "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up your voice like a trumpet; tell My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isa. 58:1 NKJV). God is not pleased with the average Christian's Laodicean attitude toward Him! And He goes on to say, "Yet they act so pious! They come to the Temple [approach God's throne] every day and seem delighted to learn all about Me. They act like a righteous nation that would never abandon the laws of its God. They ask Me to take action on their behalf, pretending they want to be near Me" (v. 2 NLT).

God wants you to know where you stand with Him. He says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children" (Hosea 4:6 NKJV). This is speaking of many who call themselves Christians today!

Listen, God wants this nation and all Christians to AWAKE from spiritual lethargy! Stop taking your knowledge of, and your relationship with, God for granted!

Jesus Christ has an indictment against the Church at the end of this age. He says, "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me" (Rev. 3:15-20 NKJV).

Jesus is waiting for you to get serious about your relationship with Him! How long will you put Him off and continue to let Him stand on the outside of your life?

In Isaiah 66:2 God says, "...but to this *man* [person] will I look, *even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word.*" It is high time for all of us to come alive spiritually! It is past time to HUMBLE ourselves before God and confess our sins and our lack of desire to listen to Him. Our ears have been stopped and our eyes have been blinded because

of our sins. God goes on to say, “Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: **But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear**” (Isa. 59:1-2).

God is asking all that consider themselves to be Christians to REPENT of their SINS and turn to Him with their whole hearts!

We must pray to God in earnest, pouring out our hearts to Him and confessing our failures to OBEY Him. We must ASK God to renew the zeal of His Holy Spirit so we can begin to, “... prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom 12:2).

Ask God to forgive you for all your sins and your lack of concern for Him, His thoughts, and His ways. Seek a clean heart, mind, and attitude. Ask God to cover all your mistakes and sins with the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

There must be a revival or reawakening of Christianity to “... the faith which was once for all [time] delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3 NKJV).

In Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NKJV) God says, “‘For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,’ says the Lord, ‘thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And **you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you,**’ says the Lord...”

All Christians everywhere must repent of our halfhearted and lazy approach toward God. It is time to seek God with all our hearts, minds, and beings. And while we are out to find a closer relationship with God, begin to prove, for the first time in our lives, the TRUTH God has to offer us.

I CHALLENGE YOU to stop being a lazy Christian! Blow the dust off your Bible; stop taking anyone’s word about God or the Bible for granted. Don’t just believe me or anyone else! Believe God and what can be proven from the pages of your own Bible!

Ask God to lead you into all truth, by and through, the mighty power of His Holy Spirit!

When you begin to read what is on our website in our booklets, articles, and letters that is different from what you have believed or heard, don’t just say, “That can’t be true.” Begin to dig deeper. Prove all things. Ask God to open your mind to the knowledge and understanding of His truth.

We need to be like those the Apostle Paul found in Berea for they, “...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).

We need to follow the instructions given by Paul to those at Thessalonica, “**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good**” (1 Thess. 5:21).