

FALSEHOOD

1 Thess 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Self examination is Bible instruction.

2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **prove your own selves**. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

1 Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, **that we may have boldness in the day of judgment**: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Spiritual rewards will be given by God to those who “give to” the ministers of God. Those who receive and bless a real prophet shall indeed receive a “prophet’s reward”.

Mat 10:41 "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophets reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous mans reward. "

Walking as Jesus Christ walked is not as easy as one thinks. This is where a love for the word of God brings the perfecting of His life into our life.

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. ⁶He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked**.

Deception is a major factor in weakening the impact of church life. Our love for the Word of God and the ability to hear from God Himself will give the believer wisdom to see deception afar off.

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, "**Take heed that no man deceive you**".

Jesus warned about deception 5 times: Mat 24:4,5,11,23,24,26

God wants the power of His (Word) life within us. (2 Tim 3:1-7)

2Tim 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

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

Some people can be members of churches for years and never accept the power of God. The faithful attendance of all church meetings will not give us power. Even Pentecostals must deny themselves the luxury of having friends that enjoy “the **form** of Godliness”. Where we attend church is of great importance. Join a church with strong leaders who are strongly motivated with the gifts of the Holy Spirit in operation.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; **yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:** and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God,** who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Those who live “the crucified life” will rarely be deceived by man. Their fear of God will guarantee that they pray about all things before blindly accepting any man’s word or doctrine.

Rom 3:4 God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar;**

Following Christ will bring heavenly reward: The world has a view, but God has the heavenly view. We know “man is a liar.” So, “let God be true”

Mat 19:20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? ²¹Jesus said unto him, "If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and **give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me.**"

Many have given new believers the idea that the acceptance of Christ will be the answer to all their problems. When Jesus challenged the young man to take a further step of dedication, he was met with resistance. It seemed that earthly treasure was more important than heavenly treasure or reward.

Take hold of the call of God when He speaks. (Phil 3:12)
Walk daily in God’s perfect will. (Lk 2:29-30)

Phil 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, **either were already perfect:** but I follow after, if **that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.**

Lk 2:29 **Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:** ³⁰For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Idolatry is not only one of the greatest of sins, but it is one of the greatest hindrances to Christian evangelism worldwide. Once the idol is worshipped, evil spirits bind the person that has engaged in the practice. Once bound, it takes great

spiritual anointing to set these people free. God still expects total destruction of all man made altars and images used in occult practices.

(Ex 34:13-14) When it comes to relationship, God is still a jealous God; He doesn't want any hindrances of relationship between God and man.

Ps 115:3 **But our God is in the heavens:** he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. ⁴ **Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men' hands.** ⁵They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: ⁶They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: ⁷They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: **neither speak they** through their throat.

Ex 34:13 **But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:** ¹⁴For thou shalt worship no other god: **for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:**

Mat 24:15 "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place," (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

²⁴ **"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets,** and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect." ²⁵"Behold, I have told you before. "

There will always be false teachers who teach doctrines of devils. These false ministers have the same effect as the worshipping of idols; they bind the life of those that believe them. Any identification with a **spirit power that is not Holy Spirit power is sin.** (1Jn 4:3) Every spirit that doesn't confess Christ as Lord is an "anti-Christ" spirit.

Mat 24:35 **"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**

The Word of God is the only surety for building Christian faith. Everything that is known in earthly terms will pass away, but His Word stands forever. Those who are wise will set their life in order. It is more important to buy of God than to buy of man. Purchase the heavenly riches, they last forever.

Mat 13:4 "Again, **the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field;** the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and **for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.**

Mt 6:33 "But **seek ye first the kingdom of God**, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." ³⁴"**Take therefore no thought for the morrow**: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

Selfishness is the greatest spiritual hindrance known to man. Even in its simplest form, selfishness can hinder the believer's progress for God. Jesus had a simple formula, "seek my Father's kingdom first" and "take no thought for self." Self-deception is the result of rejecting Christ's teachings.

Mk 9:47 "And **if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out**: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:"

The "Lamb" or Son of God is not only the light of heaven, but He is the "spiritual light" of the world. Those who escape deception are those who commit themselves to a lifestyle that constantly looks to God's light (the Word) in order to rid self of everything that offends Him.

Rev 21:22 And I saw **no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.** ²³And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

Jn 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

Mat 5:6 "Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

It is wisdom to eat properly, exercise and stay healthy, but it is sin to be so mindful of ones self that we constantly cater to the flesh. Paul said, "whose God is their belly". The "belly god" can not only rob us of our anointing, it can rob us of long life.

Phil 3:19 Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is* their belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; ⁹And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
²³For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.**

The Word of God gives clear instructions relating to strong church leadership. Christ demands preeminence; we are to submit to His headship.

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:** ¹⁷And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. ¹⁸And **he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

The antichrist exalts himself: (2 Thes 2:4)

2 Thes 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, **shewing himself that he is God.**

1 Jn 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as **ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists;** whereby we know that it is the last time.

1 Jn 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Christ loves us and calls us by name: (Jn 10:3-5)

He is the true Shepherd. Strangers are not likely to follow Him, for they do not know His voice.

Jn 10:3 "To him the porter openeth; and **the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.**" ⁴"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." ⁵"And **a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him:** for they know not the voice of strangers. "

To know God is to be known of God. God will lead and bless those in relationship with Him.