



Right Attitude towards the Word of God

The attitude we have towards the Word of God will determine our success or not.

Col 2:8 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Every one of us has a philosophy however the best philosophy is that which is in line with God's Word. Any system of thought that is contrary to the Word of God must be resisted and rebuked.

i) This verse list ways and channels through which we are spoiled by the enemy.

- ☐ Philosophy
- ☐ Vain deceit
- ☐ Traditions of men
- ☐ Rudiments of this world.

Satan doesn't just come and overpower us or force us but rather comes against us through wrong philosophies such as evolution and so forth. He does the spoiling in the subtlest way that many ignore—through our belief system, values, opinions, and minds (thought). The word "spoil" is referring to carry off as a captive or slave.

ii) Let's define Philosophy

The American Heritage Dictionary defines "philosophy" as "Love and pursuit of wisdom by intellectual means and moral self-discipline. A system of thought based on or involving such inquiry. A set of ideas or beliefs relating to a particular field or activity; an underlying theory.... A system of values by which one lives."

In simple terms, philosophy is a system of beliefs, values, thoughts, logic, ethics, values by which one lives; set of ideas or beliefs relating to a particular field or activity; an underlying theory; The disciplines presented in university curriculums of science and liberal arts, except medicine, law, and theology; Love and pursuit of wisdom by intellectual means and moral self-discipline.

- iii) The word "beware" is talking about being on guard. We are to be on guard because we are constantly at war. We are in a spiritual battle whether we realize it or not. In the context of this verse, we need to be on guard against any philosophy that is contrary to God's Word. If we are not on guard, we will be taken off as spoils.
- iv) Many modern philosophies are against and contrary to the Word of God. They are against and opposed to true biblical philosophy and Christianity.

Some of the philosophies that the world holds are: Evolution, religion, feminism, racism, homosexuality, abortion are all philosophies, although they are all contrary to the Word of God. Those who subscribe and submit to these beliefs, values, and outlooks on life, are not adhering to the teaching of the Word of God.

A welfare mindset is also a Philosophy. Those who choose to live off the government and refuse to work have a philosophy that is contrary to God's Word. Those who hide behind the color of their skin have the wrong outlook on life. They have a screwed-up belief system and philosophy that is against the Word of God.

- v) The way we can change our philosophy, and have it aligned with the Word of God is by renewing our minds through God's Word. The Word of God reveals God's idea, beliefs, thoughts, or philosophy. A believer should not be going to the world to get their Philosophy. It's embedded in the Word of God. We can't miss it if we don't want to. To the degree that we renew our minds to God's Word and philosophy will determine whether we get the results that God's Word promises us. Our victory or defeat lies in our philosophy.
- vi) The word "spoil" typically refers to the profits riches and the wealth that are taken after winning a war. The spoils go always go to the victor who has defeated and taken one captive. In relation to this verse, if we allow the philosophies of this world into our lives, the result will be captivity and being spoiled. This verse is teaching us to be on guard against the mindset and philosophies of this world because they can rob us of what we have in Christ and make us captive.
- vii) Mark 7:13 says that the traditions of men make the word of God of none effect. Traditions can be defined as beliefs, behaviors, customs, and practices passed on from generation to generation that mostly aren't consistent with God's Word.

Most people would rather hold on to their traditions from time past, passed down by their grandparents than to receive the Word of God. It's quite sad but true. Many traditions that we have carried on from generations past are not godly at all nor in accordance with God's Word. I don't care how dear your traditions are, if they violate or go contrary to God's Word, we must toss them out and hang on to God's Word. I have also noticed that people have adopted some traditions of men as the Word of God. For instance,

- a) Money is the root of all evil.
- b) God helps those who help themselves.
- c) God won't give you more than you can handle.
- d) The devil made me do it.
- e) The temptation was too strong. I couldn't resist it.
- f) We're all God's children.
- g) I'm so sorry for your loss. Heaven must have needed another angel.
- h) God wants me to be happy

1. Delight in the law of the Lord

A. Psalm 1:2 "But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

- a) The "delight" means "pleasure."
- b) Instead of delighting or taking pleasure in the things of this world, we should be delighting in the Word of God and things of God.

2. Inspired by God

One thing that gets a lot of people to doubt if the Bible is God's Word, is the knowledge that it was written by a man. They can't wrap their mind around the fact that God used man to write His word. Little do they know, or have they thought that the way God works here on earth is through people, yet this truth has its fingerprints in pretty much all affairs of man. If God wants to give you kids, He will give you a spouse. That's also working through people (man). Furthermore, for God to save the world from her sin, He had to become a man. An understanding of this makes it even simple to believe that the Bible is the word of God.

Man was the writer that God chose to use but the Holy Spirit (God) was the very author of the Bible. There is a big difference between a writer and an author.

A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 "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."

- a) This verse clearly says that ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God. In other word, man was inspired and moved by God to write. This was not the

knowledge of man. The other way I want to say this is that God the Holy Spirit dictated and guided a few chosen men to write.

- b) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, NOT given by inspiration of man.
 - c) Given by Inspiration of God
 - d) The Greek word for "Inspiration" means "divinely breathed" (Strong's Concordance).
 - e) The Amplified Version says, "All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage];"
 - i) This version uses the word "God-breathed" for the word "inspiration" In other words, the word God-breathed is synonymous to God Inspired.
- B. 2 Peter 1:20-21 "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."
- C. God has revealed Himself to us through His word (The Bible).
"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."—Psalm 138:2
- a) For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Nothing is greater, or no name is greater than the name of Jesus, BUT God has exalted His Word even above His name. God's Word is so powerful in that it is magnified above His name. This Word is what reveals Jesus to us.
 - b) The word "Sure" simply means to "be true." God's Word is for real. It's for sure.

D. "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."—Psalm 19:7-10

a) Law of the Lord

- i) This means the "Statute or precept" in other words, the Word of God.
- ii) The Hebrew word from which "Perfect" is translated means "entire; also (as noun) integrity, truth."
 - ☐ It is without blemish, complete, full, sincere, sound, undefiled, and upright.

b) Converting the soul

- i) "Converting" means to "turn back"
- ii) "Soul" means a "breathing creature"
 - i) The word of God has the power to turn any breathing creature. I'm not surprised because His word is complete, entire, without spot, without blemish, sound, and undefiled. Nothing else has the power to turn back a soul but God's Word.

c) The testimony of the LORD is sure.

- i) The "law of the Lord" is used interchangeably with "the testimony of the Lord". So, the law of the Lord = the testimony of the Lord.
 - ☐ The word of the Lord is the witness of the Lord.
 - ☐ The word "sure" used in this verse means "firm." We can build our lives on the Word of God because it is firm. It should be trusted to support our lives.
 - ☐ The word of God ought to be the foundation of all Christian

thinking and philosophy.

- The Word of God is far more sure, reliable, trustworthy, dependable place to look for answers and is a surer foundation than steel, brick, and mortar.

d) The statutes of the LORD are right.

- i) We live in a time where people debate and doubt if the Word of God is right.
- ii) This verse should settle that argument. The Word of God is right. If you think or do things contrary to the Holy Word of God, you are wrong.
 - It doesn't matter what you feel or what your professor says, God's Word is right.
- iii) Another way of saying this is that the Word of God (Bible) is correct, straight and upright. It is God's Word.

e) The commandment of the LORD is pure.

- i) God's Word is void of any contamination. It is unpolluted. It is unadulterated. It is clear, clean and sincere.
- ii) Although many people in our societies say that God's Word is corrupted and altered, we learn that that is not the case. God's Word is pure. It has not been adulterated, and it is neither corrupted nor contaminated.
 - Anyone who says otherwise is in error. God's Word is right.

E. "For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth."—Psalm 33:4

a) For the word of the LORD is right.

- i) The Hebrew word translated for "right" means "straight".

- ☐ God's Word is not bent in any way. It's straight and accurate. It's right. It ought to be the direction and standard of everything we do because it is right and never fails.
- ☐ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 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."—Isaiah 55:9-11
- ☐ "He spoke, and it was done, and He commanded, and it stood fast."—Psalm 33:9

b) All His works are done in truth.

- i) "Works" means "actions".
- ii) "Truth" means "firmness, security".
- iii) God's works are done in truth

F. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."—John 17:17

a) Thy word is truth.

- i) God's Word = Truth. No God's Word equals no truth.
- ii) The Word "Truth" is defined as below:

- ☐ Conformity to fact or reality
- ☐ A true state of facts or things
- ☐ Conformity of words to thoughts, which is called moral truth
- ☐ Correct opinion.
- ☐ Fidelity; constancy.
- ☐ Honesty; virtue.
- ☐ Sincerity.

3. God's Word never fails.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 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."—Isaiah 55:10-11

- a) God's Word never fails. He says, and it is established. He compared it to how rain and snow come down from heaven and returns not there but waters the ground.
 - i) God's Word is infallible. This is what this is saying. It's a seed that will grow and bring forth fruit.
 - ii) It accomplishes what God desires and pleases. God's Word does not accomplish anything, but that which is only according to God's will, pleasure, heart, and desire.
 - iii) It shall prosper. God's Word will not fail. It will prosper and excel in what it's directed to do. It always prospers and produces results

4. Final Authority

- a) Jesus quoted the Word of God as the final authority. He did not quote fables, opinions of men, traditions of the Pharisees, nor the laws of the scribes.
- b) One of the common mistakes made by believers is to try to separate their biblical godly beliefs from their social and daily life. As we make decisions in life, we need to come to a place that only values the Word of God as the final authority.
- c) We need to make the Word of God the final authority on all social issues such as marriage, sex, abortion, homosexuality, evolution.
- d) Luke 5:5 "And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net."
 - i) Peter understood the Word of God and he acted accordingly and got great results.

- If the Word of God says it, that settles it—end of debate and end of the argument.

5. Foundation to all belief system

- a) 2 Peter 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 hearts:”
 - i) The Word of God ought to be the foundation of all Christian thinking and philosophy.
 - ii) The Word of God is far more sure, reliable, trustworthy, dependable place to look for answers and is a surer foundation than steel, brick, and mortar.
 - iii) The Word of God is much more dependable than a vision, audible voice, or anything spectacular and dramatic.

6. Faith in the Word

- a) Jesus' faith in the Bible
 - i) This might come as a surprise to many, but Jesus quoted the Bible. I have to point out that, if He had no faith in the Bible, He would have never quoted it.
 - ii) If He had no faith in it, He would have never referenced it over and over again. He quoted the prophets and the OT which shows His faith and trust in the Bible and its authenticity.
 - iii) Jesus quoted the Word of God as the final authority. He did not quote fables, opinions of men, traditions of the Pharisees, nor the laws of the scribes.
 - iv) Scripture itself is the greatest proof that the Word of God is accurate and inspired. The Bible has no equal and no match. It is a class of all by itself.
 - ii) Jesus quoted the Word of God as the final authority because He had full faith in it. He did not quote fables, opinions of men, traditions of the Pharisees, nor the laws of the scribes.

b) **Although there is plenty of truth out there to verify the accuracy of God's Word, we should never base our faith in scientists, archeologists or some scholars proving aspects of God's Word.**

i) As great as that is, we should be willing to believe the Word of God regardless of the evidence.

ii) **God's Word is more accurate and trustworthy than any scholastic ideas, proofs, and research.**

iii) If all the world came up and tried to prove that the Word of God is not accurate and so forth, I would stick with the Word.

c) We need to get to a place of believing God's Word over what we see, feel, smell, or think. We ought to believe it whether you see the results or not.

i) We need our faith to be fully and solely grounded and built on the Word of God.

7. Mix faith in the Word

a) Hebrews 4:2 "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. Faith is required for us to reap benefit from the word of God. We must mix faith in it or else it will not profit us."

i) Faith in the Word of God is what releases its power. We can't just know the Word of God and not add faith to it.

ii) Faith is what activates the power in the Word just as the soil activates the power and potential and in the seed.

8. Prosperity, salvation, healing, deliverance—all through the Word.

The prosperity of a believer will be proportional to their attitude towards the Word of God.

a) Salvation through the Word

1 Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

i) We are born again (saved) through the word of God. The Bible is the written word of God. Without it, we can't be saved because it reveals the Lord to us and how we can be saved.

☐ The word of God is the complete revelation of who God is. No word, no salvation.

ii) God's Word is a SEED. An incorruptible seed. It cannot be corrupted.

iii) We are born again by this incorruptible seed which is the Word of God.

iv) Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:10-17). Therefore, we must preach and sow this incorruptible seed the word of God so that salvation can occur. No word (SEED), no salvation (born again).

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b) Healing through the Word

i) Matthew 8:16 "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:"

ii) Psalm 107:20 "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

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9. Power in the Word

a) God's Word has power. It is not powerless.

- i) Luke 4:32 "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power."
- ii) Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

10. Your testimony

- a) Revelation 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."
- b) What God has done in my life through His word is beyond what this world can convince me otherwise. It has taught me to love, forgive, heal, deliver, provide, on and on the list, goes. I'm fully persuaded that this is God's inspired, accurate, and infallible word of God. It has been working for me. Don't wake me up!
 - i) Before I doubt or question the accuracy of God's Word, I would rather question my little peanut brain.