

CORRECTLY HANDLING THE WORD SERIES

“God’s Will- It’s not about me!”

Matthew 7:21: “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom of God, but only he who does the will of my Father in heaven..”

GOD’S WILL

Matthew 7:21-	Doing ‘spiritual things’ does not ensure doing God’s will
Matthew 26:39-	Jesus battles for God’s will
John 6:38-	Jesus is about God’s purpose
John 7:17-	Must choose God’s will
Acts 20:27-	Paul doesn’t hesitate
Romans 12:1-2-	Conforming to the world blinds us to Gods will
Ephesians 5:17-	Understand God’s will
1 Thessalonians 4:3-	Sanctification
1 Thessalonians 5:18-	Gratitude

SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Matthew 10:29-	God is sovereign
Matthew 6:25-34-	God is active
Matthew 5:3-	Poor in Spirit is understanding God’s control

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“Growing in Maturity: Judging and Judgements”

JUDGING

1. Matthew 7:1-2 – *We will be judged by the standard we use*
2. John 12:43 – *God’s word will Judge*
3. 1 Corinthians 4:3-5- *Men’s motives will be judged by God*
4. Galatians 2:6 – *God judges the heart*
5. 2 Timothy 4:1- *God and Jesus are the eternal judges*
6. James 3:1- *Teachers and judgement*
7. Hebrews 4:12 – *God’s word judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart*

MAKING JUDGEMENTS

1. 1 Corinthians 6:1-2- *Disciples must make judgments*
2. 1 Corinthians 5:12- *Disciples make judgments inside the church*
3. 1 Corinthians 5:9-11 – *Judgments about immorality/greed/idolators/drunksards*
4. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 – *Judgments about false brothers*
5. Philippians 3:2- *False brothers*
6. 1 John 4:1 – *Test the spirits*
7. Romans 2:1-4 – *Hypocritical judgements*
8. Matthew 7:15-19 – *Making Judgments by their fruit*

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“Life AND Doctrine”

1 Timothy 4:16:

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers

LIFE

RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 Timothy 4:12-	Set the Example!
Ephesians 5:15-20-	Warning for your life
Ephesians 5:1-	Imitators
Colossians 3:5-11-	Take off the old/Put on the new
Galatians 5:16-26-	Live by the Spirit

ONE ANOTHER

1 John 3:16-17-	Lay down your life
Hebrews 10:24-25-	Spur on!
Hebrews 3:12-13-	Encourage daily!
Proverbs 13:20-	Your friends matter
Proverbs 15:12-	Pursue correction
Ephesians 4:15-16-	Each part does its work
Acts 2:42-47-	Enjoy the fellowship

DISCIPLESHIP- What a disciple does

Acts 11:26-	Desire to be taught
Matthew 28:18-20-	Makes disciples
1 Peter 2:21-25-	Christ left an example
John 8:31-	Hold to Jesus' teachings/Obey like Jesus
Matthew 7:21-	Do God's will
John 13:34-35-	They will know you by this/Love like Jesus
Colossians 1:28-	Present each other...
John 15:1-17-	Disciples bear good fruit
Luke 9:23-27-	Die to Self
Proverbs 20:18-	Disciples seek advice
James 5:16-	Confess to one another

“Life AND Doctrine” - Continued

DOCTRINE

SALVATION

Acts 2:36-41
1 Peter 3:18-22
Colossians 2:11-12
Romans 6:1-10
Galatians 3:26-28
1 Corinthians 6:11

OBEDIENCE/LORDSHIP

John 14:15
Matthew 7:21
1 John 2:3-6

ETERNAL SECURITY

Galatians 5:4-6- It must be a relationship not a law
Hebrews 6:4-6
2 Peter 2:13-22- Do not go back to love the world!

GRACE THROUGH FAITH

Ephesians 2:1-10
Colossians 2:11-12

LOVE GOD

Matthew 22:37

DENY SELF

Matthew 16:24-28
Luke 14:25-34

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Lukewarm vs. Weak

LUKEWARM

Revelation 3:15-16-	Mixed hot and cold/ Don't acknowledge own needs
Revelation 2:4-5-	Forsaken first love
Isaiah 32:9-11-	Complacent
Hebrews 2:1-3-	Tuning out the message
John 9:24-34-	Unteachable
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13-	Lazy
Hebrews 10:24-25-	Inconsistent participation
Luke 9:57-62-	Making excuses when challenged

WEAK

1 Corinthians 8:1-12-	Convicted about things not sinful
Romans 14:1-15:6-	Immature in knowledge
Matthew 14:25-31-	Trying hard but still falling
Colossians 2:20-23-	Making effort to please God yet relying on own strength
Hebrews 12:1-12-	discouraged
1 Thessalonians 5:12-14-	weakness is NOT idleness
2 Corinthians 5:12-14-	God's grace is sufficient

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“The Body of Christ”

A Challenge to disciples today is to determine what God’s purpose for the body of Christ was and is, regardless of what ‘contemporary religious culture’ says the body of Christ should be.

MISSION MINDED PEOPLE

Matthew 28:18-20-	Committed to the Great Commission
1 Corinthians 9:19-23-	Disciples that are others focused
1 Thessalonians 1:4-10-	A church that rings out the message

A LIVING ORGANISM NOT A BUILDING

Ephesians 4:1-16-	God is the architect
1 Corinthians 12:12-31-	The Body: All parts important
Acts 2:42-47-	Deeply connected relationships
Hebrews 10:24-25-	Spurring each other on
Hebrews 3:12-13-	Encourage daily

GOD LOVING BODY

Matthew 22:37-	Love God with everything
Galatians 1:10-	Pleases God not men
Matthew 25:31-46	Loving God is loving people

SERVANTS

Philippians 2:1-11-	Becoming servants just as Christ did
1 John 3:16-20-	Loving is serving others

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“Unity and Divisiveness”

UNITY

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| 1. 2 Chronicles 30:10-12- | Unity of mind |
| 2. Psalm 133:1- | Unity pleases God |
| 3. John 17:20-23- | Jesus’ prayer for unity |
| 4. Romans 15:5-6- | Unity glorifies God |
| 5. Ephesians 4:1-3- | Make every effort |
| 6. 1 Corinthians 1:10- | Paul’s appeal |

BROTHERLY LOVE

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| 1. 1 John 2:9- | Loving our brothers = light |
| 2. Philippians 1:27-28- | Contend as one |

DIVISIVENESS

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| 1. Romans 16:17-18- | watch out for those causing division |
| 2. 1 Corinthians 11:17-19- | No praise for division |
| 3. Titus 3:9-11- | warn a divisive person |
| 4. 1 Corinthians 5:9-13- | Divisive sin |

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“What are you for?”

The world today often describes the Christian Church as being more against something than for something.

WHAT WAS JESUS FOR?

Matthew 22:37- Jesus is for loving God and People!

Matthew 4:17- Jesus is for Repentance!

Ephesians 5:22-32- Jesus is for the Church!

Acts 2:42-47- Jesus is for great fellowship

John 14:31- Jesus is for Obedience to God

John 8:3:11- Jesus is for Forgiveness!

John 17:20-26- Jesus is for Unity

Matthew 28:18-20- Jesus was for saving the lost

Other scriptures: 1 John 3:16-17; Luke 15:11-24; Acts 3:19; Luke 19:10

WHAT WAS JESUS AGAINST?

SIN- Not just against social sin that applies to others beside ourselves

1 Peter 2:24- Christ died to have victory over sin

Matthew 23:1-36- Jesus was unbiased; He rebukes the sins of the ‘religious elite’

Romans 6:14- Sin shall not master disciples

Matthew 5:27-30- Deal with sin radically

Isaiah 59:2- Sin separates us from God

Galatians 5:19-21- The acts of the sinful nature

Romans 16:17-19- Jesus is against divisiveness

Are you known for being for what Jesus is for? Are you known for being against what Jesus opposed?