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- ❖ Can't understand Bible

- ❖ John 7:16-19 "Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17 "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or [whether] I speak on My own [authority]. 18 "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. 19 "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" "

- ❖ Ephesians 5:17 "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord [is]"



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## ❖ Ignorance will Excuse

- ❖ Luke 12:47-48 “And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not [himself], neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many [stripes]. 48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few [stripes]. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”
- ❖ Leviticus 5:17 “And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.”

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## ❖ Sincerity is Sufficient

❖ Acts 26:9-11 “Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 "This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against [them]. 11 "And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled [them] to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted [them] even to foreign cities.”

# THEY PRESUME (SUPPOSE, GUESS)

## ❖ Majority Right

- ❖ Matthew 7:13-14 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide [is] the gate and broad [is] the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 “Because narrow [is] the gate and difficult [is] the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”
- ❖ 1 Peter 3:20 “who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while [the] ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.”

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- ❖ God is not so Exacting

- ❖ Number's 20:12 "Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.""
- ❖ Romans 11:22 "Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in [His] goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off."

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  - ❖ Jeremiah 10:23 “O LORD, I know the way of man [is] not in himself; [It is] not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”
  - ❖ Acts 23:1 “Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, “Men [and] brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.”

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- ◆ In men (Clergy)

- ◆ Galatians 1:6-9 “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”
- ◆ Ephesians 4:14 “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,”

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## ❖ In Doctrines of Men

- ❖ Matthew 15:8-9 “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with [their] lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching [as] doctrines the commandments of men.”
- ❖ Romans 16:17-18 “Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.”



# THEY MISPLACE THEIR TRUST

- ❖ One Does not Trust in the Lord when he Fails to do What Jesus Commands
  - ❖ Luke 6:46 “But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?”
  - ❖ Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”

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  - ❖ Matthew 16:26 “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

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- ❖ Their Individual Responsibility
  - ❖ Romans 2:6 “who will render to each one according to his deeds”
  - ❖ Romans 14:12 “So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”
  - ❖ ‘Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”

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- ❖ Purpose to Please God not self
  - ❖ 1 Thessalonians 4:1 “Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;”

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## ❖ The Necessity of Obedience

- ❖ II Thessalonians 1:7-9 “and to [give] you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,:
- ❖ Hebrews 5:8-9 “though He was a Son, [yet] He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,”

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## ❖ Their Accountability

- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things [done] in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”
- ❖ Revelation 20:12 “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is [the Book] of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”

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## ❖ Study

- ❖ 2 Timothy 2:15 “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- ❖ 1 Timothy 4:13 “Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”

# THEY NEGLECT TO

## ❖ Search

- ❖ John 5:39 “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.”
- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:21 “Test all things; hold fast what is good”

# THEY NEGLECT TO

## ❖ Guard against Error

- ❖ Matthew 7:15-20 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor [can] a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 "Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”
- ❖ 1 John 4:1 “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- ❖ 2 John 10-11 “If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”

# THEY NEGLECT TO

- ❖ Render Obedience

- ❖ Romans 6:17-18 “But God be thanked that [though] you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”

# THEY NEGLECT TO

## ❖ Be Faithful

- ❖ Revelation 2:10 “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw [some] of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”
- ❖ 2 Timothy 4:6-8 “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

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