

HOW CAN WE KNOW ERROR & FALSE TEACHERS?

Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them.

Gal 1:8 If anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

1 Timothy 6:3 If any man teaches otherwise, and does not consent to wholesome words, [even] the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, --- supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

2 John 1:9-11 Whosoever transgresses, and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ, does not have God. --- If anyone comes to you and does not have this doctrine, do not receive him into your house, nor greet him, for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds..

SHOULD WE QUESTION TEACHINGS?

1Co 10:15 I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say.

1Co 14:29 Let one or two prophets speak, and let the others judge.

1Th 5:21 Test all things; hold fast that which is good.

Ac 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, to find out whether those things were so.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, --- I found it necessary to write to you, exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

2 Thess 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or by our epistle.

SHOULD WE CHALLENGE TEACHERS?

1Jo 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.

1 Tim 1:3 Remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine.

2 Tim 4:1 Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching.

Titus 1:10 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, --- whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. --- Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

Rev 2:2 I know your works and your labour and your patience, and how you cannot bear those who are evil; and that you have tested those who say they are apostles, but are not, and have found them to be liars.

SHOULD WE NAME NAMES?

Ga 2:11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

1Ti 1:19 Concerning faith (some) have made shipwreck: Of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2Tim 1:15 This you know, that all those in Asia turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

2 Tim 2:17,18 Their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the faith.

3 John 1:9,10 I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the pre-eminence among them, does not

receive me. Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words.

WHAT DO WE USE TO TEST TEACHINGS?

Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said to them, You are deceived, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

1 Timothy 4:13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. --- Take heed to yourself and your doctrine. Continue in them, for in so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Titus 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word, as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convict those who contradict.

IS IT RIGHT TO JUDGE?

1 Cor 2:15 He who is spiritual judges all things.

1 Cor 5:12 Do you not judge those who are inside (the Church)? But those who are outside, God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves that wicked person".

1 Cor 6:5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?

1 Cor 6:2,3 Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?

John 7:24 Do not judge according to the appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

HOW SHOULD WE REACT TO FALSE TEACHERS?

Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

Tit 3:10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition.

2 Thess 3:6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

2 Thessalonians 3:14 And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person, and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count [him] as an enemy, but admonish [him] as a brother.

WHAT IS THE CORRECT ATTITUDE TO REPROOF?

Lam 3:40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

Proverbs 15:32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul: but he who hears reproof gets understanding.

Prov 27:5 Open rebuke [is] better than secret love.

Heb 12:5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as sons: My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.

1 Cor 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall.

Jas 3:2 For we all stumble in many things.

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.