

## Galatians 5 - Be Careful What You Hear

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### Galatians 5:7-12 NASB

7 You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?

8 This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you.

9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

10 I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished.

12 I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves.

*"Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, there a church of God exists, even if it swarms with many faults."- John Calvin*

### Romans 16:17-20 NASB

17 Now **I URGE YOU**, brethren, **KEEP YOUR EYE ON THOSE WHO CAUSE DISSENSIONS AND HINDRANCES CONTRARY TO THE TEACHING WHICH YOU LEARNED, AND TURN AWAY FROM THEM.**

- *The influence from those who teach and live impure doctrine will at the least, vex your spirit and soul, and the worst, deceive you, turning your heart from the Truth.*
- **"Keep your eye on" versus "turn away from"?**
- *3 reasons we turn away:*
  - *protect our own heart and mind from the leaven of false doctrine*
  - *give them no entrance into the church to corrupt other's faith*
  - *give them no voice - no credibility - don't further their influence*

### Romans 16:17-20 NASB

18 **FOR SUCH MEN ARE SLAVES, NOT OF OUR LORD CHRIST BUT OF THEIR OWN APPETITES; AND BY THEIR SMOOTH AND FLATTERING SPEECH THEY DECEIVE THE HEARTS OF THE UNSUSPECTING.**

- *There are many who sneak around the church with impure and selfish motives; seeking to serve their own pride and selfish agenda instead of serving God in absolute surrender.*

**Romans 16:17-20 NASB**

19 For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, **BUT I WANT YOU TO BE WISE IN WHAT IS GOOD AND INNOCENT** (*akeraios - unmixed, pure, without a mixture of evil*) **IN WHAT IS EVIL.**

- *Resist the curiosity to search for and investigate the false and the deceptions. Research on a “need-to-know” basis.*
- *You recognize the false by knowing the Truth, not by studying the false. Immerse yourself in Truth. The false can be very convincing if you’re gullible.*

**Romans 16:17-20 NASB**

20 **THE GOD OF PEACE WILL SOON CRUSH SATAN UNDER YOUR FEET.** The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

- *One clear indicator of the false is the lack of peace (strife, contention, confusion, vexation, troubling).*

Galatians 5:10 NASB “... the one who is disturbing (*tarasso - agitate, to cause inward commotion, stir up, to make anxious or distressed, to perplex*) you...”

2 Thessalonians 2:2 NASB “that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.”

Romans 14:17 NASB “for the kingdom of God is...righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

- *False or impure (mixed) doctrine is from Satan; it’s part of the spiritual warfare Satan wages against us.*

**Jude 1:3-4 NASB**

3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, **I FELT THE NECESSITY TO WRITE TO YOU APPEALING THAT YOU CONTEND EARNESTLY FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE FOR ALL HANDED DOWN TO THE SAINTS.**

4 **FOR CERTAIN PERSONS HAVE CREPT IN UNNOTICED,** those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, **UNGODLY PERSONS WHO TURN THE GRACE OF OUR GOD INTO LICENTIOUSNESS** (*aselgeia - unbridled lust, excess, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence*) **AND DENY OUR ONLY MASTER AND LORD, JESUS CHRIST.**

*"While [Trey] Pearson says he will no longer live a lie, he is not abandoning his faith. The rocker says he still prays regularly and reads the Bible. He even once memorized the entire epistle of James. His study of the Scriptures, he says, has led him to believe that the handful of Bible verses that directly address homosexuality do not prohibit the kind of loving, committed gay relationships known to the modern world.*

*'There is absolutely no conflict with accepting who I am and following Jesus,' he said. 'God wants me to be healthy, authentic, whole, integrated and my truest self.'*

*Pearson's shift places him in the center of a growing movement of popular Christian musicians who are coming out as gay and are advocating for a more open and accepting posture in the church. Ray Boltz, whose songs were staples in evangelical churches throughout the 1990s, came out as gay in 2004. Grammy-nominated Anthony Williams became the first openly gay gospel artist in 2009. Jennifer Knapp, another Grammy-nominated Christian artist, acknowledged that she was a lesbian one year later. And in 2014, popular worship music artist Vicky Beeching told The Independent that she too was a lesbian." RNS - Religious News Service, May 31, 2016*

Luke 17:34-35 KJV

34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two [men] in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 Two [women] shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

*"I know that most people concerned with these issues believe that Jesus never mentioned homosexuality. Well, technically, he didn't, at least not as an abstract category. But he did mention four gays and lesbians—flesh and blood, living, breathing homosexuals. Jesus illustrates a key moment in "God's Countdown to Judgment" by using as his examples 1) two men in one bed and 2) two women grinding together 3) at night. And half of the gays and lesbians (one member from each of the couples) are acceptable to God. And from what I read, the lesbian couple is in the middle of making love. Thus, acceptability to God has nothing to do with their celibacy."*

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*"Jesus deliberately mentioned Sodom details like Lot and his wife so that his audience would realize that the two men in one bed were gay." [www.biblethumpingliberal.com](http://www.biblethumpingliberal.com)*

Matthew 24:41 KJV

"Two [women shall be] grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

## **2 Timothy 2:15-18 NASB**

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **ACCURATELY HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH.**

16 **BUT AVOID** (*periistemi* - to shun, to turn oneself around to avoid) **WORLDLY AND EMPTY CHATTER, FOR IT WILL LEAD TO FURTHER UNGODLINESS,**

17 **AND THEIR TALK WILL SPREAD LIKE GANGRENE.** AMONG THEM ARE HYMENAEOUS AND PHILETUS,

18 **MEN WHO HAVE GONE ASTRAY FROM THE TRUTH SAYING THAT THE RESURRECTION HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, AND THEY UPSET THE FAITH OF SOME.**

## **HOW DO WE DISCERN THE TRUTH FROM THE FALSE?**

### **1. SURRENDER TO THE WORD OF GOD AS THE ONLY ULTIMATE TRUTH**

2 Timothy 3:16 NASB *"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness."*

Romans 3:4 NASB "...let God be found true, though every man be found a liar..."

Deuteronomy 12:32 NASB "Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it."

## 2. ACCURATELY HANDLE THE WORD OF TRUTH

### a. Be taught by the Holy Spirit (*illumination by meditation*)

Psalms 119:27 NASB "Make me understand the way of Your precepts, so I will meditate on Your wonders."

Psalms 119:34 NASB "Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law and keep it with all my heart."

### b. Study in context

b.i. textual - text before and after

b.ii. contrasting principles - providing balance of Truth

b.iii. historical

b.iv. cultural

### c. Use language tools (*lexicons*)

## 3. JESUS CHRIST IS TRUTH PERSONIFIED

*If your understanding and application of Scripture contradicts the person, life and ministry of Jesus, then your understanding and application is error.*

Hebrews 1:1-3 NASB

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

1 John 4:1-3 NASB

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;  
3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.