

Putting the Pieces Together

When a person comes to the Bible, there are multiple reasons why a person might look at what God says.

- Read for enjoyment & comfort: The Bible is a great source of peace (1 Thes 4:18)
- Read for learning: There are many great historical and character studies that can bring understanding to a person (Ps 119:99)
- Read for transformation: (Ps 119:105; Heb 4:12 It is through the pages of God's word that we change and conform our lives to God

1. We should not always read the Bible one way and only one way

A. When it comes to how I am to conduct my life, build my character, shape my attitude, it is the TRANSFORMATION mode that I am looking for



False Standards of Authority

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- Test everything—1 Thes 5:21
 - Try the Spirits—1 Jn 4:1
 - Examine the Scriptures to see if things are true (Acts 17:11)

The gullible believe anything they're told; the prudent sift and weigh every word (Pv 14:15)

The Steps to Take To Know What God Wants Me To Do:

1. Understand which _____ governs us today: N.T. (Jn 12:48)
 2. You gather all the verses on that subject
 - use a concordance or search engine
 3. God Expresses His Will In Three Different Ways (Authority)
 - Authority is the right or the permission to do something
 - Col 3:27
- (a) c _____: 2 Tim 3:16-17; 1 Cor 6:18
 (b) e _____ of the apostles: Phil 4:9; 1 Cor 11:1; Phil 3:17
 (c) obvious _____ (necessary inference): Mt 22:32

What makes a pattern is the sum total of what God said about something
 Josh 22:28; Gen 6:22; 2 Tim 2:2

4. Authority is expressed either i _____ (generic) or e _____ (specific)
- exclusive: always the same way without any _____
 - inclusive: _____ ways of doing it
- (a) an _____ is the way to fulfill the authority of God
- A law **must** first _____ for an expedient to be used

This morning you witnessed several expedients:

- the church building is an expedient to fulfill the command to assemble
 - the disposable communion cups are an expedient to fulfill the command to take the Lord's Supper
 - the projection system is an expedient to fulfill the command to teach and edify one another
- Expedients cannot _____ a command, it is only a means to fulfill an existing command
 - Expedients must _____ (1 Cor 10:23)
 - Expedients must not cause another Christian to be _____
 - Expedients are one way, but not the _____ way of fulfilling a command

A requirement of God has to be o _____
 An expedient is one way
 A requirement n _____ changes
 An expedient often changes
 Disobeying a requirement results in God's d _____
 Disobeying an expedient does not create any harm

5. Silence does not _____ (Heb 7:14; Acts 15:23-26)

Idea	Bible Says you "Can't"	Bible doesn't say you can't
Use mechanical instruments in worship		
Baptize Babies		
Call the preacher "Reverend"		
Eat in the church building		
Play the lottery		
Can a church build a gym to use for young people		
Women serving as elders		

The Answers:

- Because there is not a specific passage stating that something is wrong, does not make it _____.
- Is there an example, obvious conclusion, or principle that would support it and approve it?
- Col 3:17; 1 Pet 4:11; Rev 22:18-19

6. There is a difference between the individual and the _____ (Mt 18:15-17)



Memory Verse:

Philippians 4:9

“The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.”