

Overcome Complacency

All Scriptures from The Old and New King James Version

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Don't get angry or alarmed we all have complacency from time to time. I have been guilty of complacency many times in my life and probably will do so again unknowingly. When I realize my error, I want always to repent and not go back there again. I am determined to prevent what I can. I think these things sometimes interfere with our service to God. Following are some of my excuses and others I think people use. If you have some more to add please contact me.

Examples of excuses:

- 1. I am not able to teach. (*1)
- 2. I don't have enough time to study as I should. (*7)
- 3. I must take care of my family therefore I lack time. (*2)
- 4. I know I should do better but I forget. (*3)
- 5. God understands why I can't. (*4)
- 6. Someone else does a better job. (*5)
- 7. I don't have the ability. (*5)
- 8. I am afraid I will say the wrong thing. (*6)
- 9. I don't want to give the wrong impression. (*6)
- 10. My knowledge is weak. (*7)
- 11. I have a problem with preparation. (*7) see (*5) (*6)
- 12. I feel I am ok. (*8)
- 13. I am as good as most of my brethren. (*8) (*9)
- 14. I am not such a bad fellow. (*8) (*9)
- 15. Every one thinks I am fine. I trust their opinion. (*8) (*9)
- 16. I have God's forgiveness. (*9)
- 17. I am just not healthy enough. (*10)
- 18. I don't have people skills. (*11)

(*1) You teach, even if you think you are not. We all teach either by example or in a class, or one on one. Your ability may not be, to teach a class, but you can communicate what you know to anyone. Don't be a teacher, if you have not prepared your knowledge to the point of confidence. Remember all Christians are expected to be able to teach in some way, after some time has passed.

Heb 5:12 *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. **13** For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. **14** But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

Mat 5:19 *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

Tit 2:3 *The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; **4** hat they may teach the young*

women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

2Ti 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

(*2) Your family is important but you should know serving God is important. This does not take all your time. You are lying to yourself if you think it should. You must learn to budget your time.

God gave everyone 24 hours. You need to learn how to, plan and budget your time, you have.
Rom 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Eph 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Jas 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. KJV

Luk 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

(*3) Pray to God often and you can overcome this.

Mat 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

(*4) Don't presume you know what God will accept. Study all scripture, to know what he wants. What do you think "God will understand"? Remember this is your thought not God's. It did not come from scripture. Try to submit to what God says in his word, the Bible. Your opinion is not necessarily in what God thinks.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psa 19:12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Deu 18:20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

(*5) This might be true, but have you diligently tried yet? Diligence requires your, best effort, as soon as possible. Remember the parable of the talents. God expects you to try to find a way to do his will.

It is true we can't all be good at all things. He does expect, an effort to be made, to do his will (no matter how long it takes). Don't be lazy as this man.

Mat 25:14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. **15** And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. **16** Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. **17** And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. **18** But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. **19** After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. **20** And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. **21** His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. **22** He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. **23** His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. **24** Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: **25** And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. **26** His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: **27** Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. **28** Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. **29** For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. **30** And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

(*6) The truth is you need to overcome your own faults before you can teach others. God does expect, you to be striving to overcome these faults. If you have prepared, you will learn to be successful. Remember Jesus sent his disciples out by twos. Take a brother to help you to succeed. By reason of time you can. We all teach either by example or directly. Remember, Moses felt he was not to able do God's work and was reluctant. He was wrong in this.

Exo 3:2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. **3** And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. --- **10** And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. **11** And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? **12** Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. **13** And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. **14** And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

Each person has some ability. Use all of them in service to God.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Jas 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. KJV

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God said you could. He does not lie. Learn to plan your time.

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Pro 16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

2Co 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

(*9) Is this not, what you have decided in your own mind? Do you know from scripture this is so? Remember, our opinion means nothing as well as the opinion of others. God's opinion is the only one that counts. He has given it in scriptures. If you don't know the scriptures you can't possibly know God's opinion.

Joh 9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

Heb 3:10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2Co 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

(*10) If your health is bad because you allowed it to be, then you should not use this as an excuse. You should try to overcome bad health if possible. You are responsible for taking care of your own body. If your health is bad by your own neglect or misuse, then you must change your health, to obey God. Remember, if you pray, God can help you, if it is his will. Also ask others to pray for you.

Jas 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(*11) Pray to God for help. Study scriptures for help. Ask your brothers in Christ for help.

Mat 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Act 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Rom 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Jas 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

This a new section not part of the above study.

The following dialogue is, what I have observed in some people who I know. Whom, I am concerned. This might not be you. If not please read for observational purpose. Remember we can always learn from others mistakes.

(#1) *These are references to scripture studies under each topic. It is done this way not to interrupt the thought of the paragraph*

You have found a church where you love the people and they seem sincere about worshiping God. But how good is their bible teaching? (#1)

We study many scriptures on a constant basis.

But how do you know they are teaching all the truth?

How do you know they are not teaching error?

Remember, it is wrong, to leave out or ignore any scripture. Even if it teaches against any doctrine, this is teaching error. (#2)

Well I have known the people in this group for generations as I grew up. Their teachings seem to make since to me. It is what I have always believed. (#3)

All churches teach some error, don't they? God will accept all these churches if they are trying to be Christians, will he not? (#4)

Besides this I have heard "You people think you are the only people going to heaven. Is this not true?"

(Reply) No, I don't even think every one in our group is going to make it to heaven. The bible says *only those who adhere to scriptures are going to heaven*. I think most people believe this. They don't see the miss-teaching, where they are worshiping. Why? Because they don't want to believe the people, they admire could be making such a mistake. Every church should be teaching the same thing. (#5)

In the early church times, many churches started teaching different things. (#6)

I suggest you study scripture on your own and come to conclusions on your own. What you don't understand, ask others. But if their answers, contradict scriptures, disregard their opinion. You must develop an understanding of you own. If you don't find an answer now, you might later in your studies. Don't leave out any scripture. Make your Faith, your own, and not someone else's.

If you find contradictions in any one's teachings compared with all scripture then you better accept the scripture and not their teachings. Keep in mind a skilful person can make scripture seem to teach something it doesn't. If you find even one scripture that contradicts their teaching, then the teaching, they present must be wrong. Remember scripture does not contradict scripture in teaching. (Well maybe the translation is wrong.) When you find that most, translators and accepted scholars, agree then how can you say it is translated wrong. Many that teach contrary, to the larger group of translators, and claim to be translators but are not. They are changing, the scripture meaning, to their own agenda, because it is what they want to believe. God is all powerful and has made it possible to understand his will. If you say that I just don't believe that 'it means that'. Are you saying to God I know better than you, when the words are plain in the scripture? Be careful you are on shaky ground. (#7)

I don't want you to accept, what I teach blindly. You must study on your own. Don't even accept, your own opinion, lean to scriptures for help, over you own misconceptions, that you might have developed. Don't let anyone tell you, you can't understand God's will, with the study of scripture. Usually these people only want you to accept only what they teach. (#8)

Heb 5:12 *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

(#1) (#2) Paul (Saul) was a sincere man when he was doing contrary to Christ, with good conscience, but learned his foolishness.

Act 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."*

Have you found that certain scriptures are never taught or explained at your congregation, even though you have attended regularly? Do you wonder why your classes or preaching has not gone over them? Do the classes, you attend, only allow material printed by this denomination? Could it be they only allow scripture that coincides with their doctrine? *Be careful only the Bible should be allowed to determine doctrine.* Remember many people flock to denominations, which teach what they want to believe. *We must be better than this. We should only want what is really taught in the bible. I admit, it is hard to keep our opinions out of our studies. We must only listen to what scripture really teaches. We must strive to listen to God and keep out other opinions, including our own opinion. The scriptures are designed for doctrine which will make, even the simple, wise.*

Psa 19:7 *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*

Pro 21:11 *When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.*

2Ti 3:14 *But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

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. 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.*

Study to learn, without preconceptions. Study *all scriptures*. They will correct errors taught in doctrine. Don't fall in the trap of only using the denominational material. If you find any scripture, that contradicts their doctrine, re-examine whether you should even be there. *Remember a Christian can not and should not endure false doctrine. Remember, the wise person, will love you if you correct their errors. The foolish will turn against you,*

Pro 18:15 *The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.*

Pro 21:10 *The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes. 11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.*

Pro 1:5 *A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:*

(#3) Remember Paul (Saul) was practicing; what he believed and was taught, to destroy Christianity. Our opinions and childhood teachings, can lead us into error.

Act 26:9 *I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.*

If you think God will force people, not to go in error, you are mistaken. He helps those who ask for his help, who submit their will to his will.

2Th 2:9 *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

Mat 7:11 *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

Jas 4:2 *Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

Mat 6:9 *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

(#4) He is patient but he expects us to not teach error. Consider what he said to the Churches in Revelation chapter 2 and 3. He expected them to change to his will.

2Co 11:14 *And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

Rev 2:2 *But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. --- 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. --- 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.*

2Co 1:9 *But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:*

(#5) We should all be teaching the same thing.

Th 2:4 *But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. 5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:*

Pro 16:25 *There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*

Mat 7:21 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

It may seem hard or inconsiderate to you that I don't believe everyone who worships God will be saved. I must teach what the scriptures teach. I am not so foolish to think I am always right. But I must always go with what scriptures teach and not my opinion or men's opinions. I will always appreciate any correction in my teaching, if it is conclusively proven in scripture without any other scripture contradicting what is presented. I don't hate people in denominations. I was a Baptist at one time. I am only trying to teach what the Bible teaches. After all, the Bible does teach for us not to have divisions among Christians. The caveat is, our teaching can not be a contradiction of any scripture. Don't be so satisfied where you worship, that you can't test whether what they teach, is what God teaches.

Gal 1:10 *For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.*

Mat 7:13 *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

1Co 1:9 *God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

God says we can teach the same thing and he does not lie.

Rom 3:2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. **3** For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? **4** God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

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Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: **7** Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **9** As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. **10** For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

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Jas 2:4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

Luk 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. **46** "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

If you are not doing all he said to do then you can't call him your lord. If you can't call him your lord then how can you think you are saved?

Watch out for false teachers.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. **14** But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, **15** and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2Ti 2:14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. **15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. KJV

Rom 3:3 For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? **4** Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND MAY OVERCOME WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED." **5** But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) **6**

Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world? 7 For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? 8 And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"? —as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

1Co 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1Ti 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Pro 21:11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

Act 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, whether those things were so.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Don't base your salvation on a few passages but on all passages.

Example: For on the topic of salvation. Don't think that any passage of scripture teaches all and everything needed. I suggest each passage is teaching the people it was sent to, what that group of people needed. It only indicates what the listeners need to hear for their salvation. Rather consider that all the scriptures lead to the complete way to salvation, not just, one here and one there. The all or sum of all teaching from scriptures is necessary.

(Please consider my study on my web page for "Saved" to get this complete picture of Salvation).

Thank you for reading my study.

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