

# The Anatomy of Division

All Scriptures from The New King James Versions

**Luk 12:49** *"I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! 51 Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather Division. 52 For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 53 Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."*

What does this mean? This is the Division spoken of caused by men not God. Because they don't want to accept God's way in scriptures.

**2Ti 4:1** *I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

Fables are things derived by men out of their imaginations and their opinions.

Christ knew that his teaching would cause Division. He did teach that there should be no Divisions in His teaching among Christians. The division comes when men do not want to accept what God has said in scriptures.

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

**Rom 12:16** *Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.*

**Php 3:15** *Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. 16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. 17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.*

This Division is caused by man not accepting God's way but going out to their opinions, and calling it Christianity.

**Gal 1:6** *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. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. 11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.*

How can we tell error is being taught? If anyone preaches any other gospel to you, than what you have received from the Bible, this is this false teacher. They are pursuing their own ideas. How do you tell this? If any scripture is ignored, or their teaching contradicts any other scripture even in examples, then you can recognize that it as a false teaching.

Use the written word of God and only it to determine what is right in spiritual manners.

**1Co 4:4** *For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. 6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.*

Watch out for what they say. It may seem good in man's wisdom. We must use the scriptures to determine what is correct.

**Col 2:18** *Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God. 20 Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— 21 "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," 22 which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.*

This happened in the Jewish law also.

**Mar 7:6** He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. 7 AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.' **8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men— the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."** **9 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.**

Don't put up with false teaching as the Jew's did.

**2Co 11:1** Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. **2** For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. **3** But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. **4** For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

Why do I bring this up? Because as it happened in those times it is happening today. Every Denomination is teaching a different Doctrine. Isn't their only one Doctrine? Isn't it the Doctrine of Christ?

**2Jn 1:7** For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. 9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the Doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 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.

We must avoid men's ideas. They can lead to False Doctrines.

**Isa 65:2** I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way that is not good, According to their own thoughts;

**Pro 14:12** There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

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

**2Co 11:12** But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder!

**For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.**

An example: *Men teach today all you need to do is pray to God for salvation.* I have not found this taught anywhere in the Bible. How can they teach this if it is not there? Not using all scripture is not Teaching, people how to be saved, and is leaving out the commands of God. *If it is not in the Bible as a teaching don't accept it. Use only what is taught in the Bible.*

The Bible does teach, we as Christians, can pray for forgiveness of a sin, in repentance. This is not for Salvation it is for forgiveness. God provides the forgiveness of sin not man.

***Joh 9:30*** *The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! 31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.*

(To do his will we must obey all God's commands in scripture)

Simon had obeyed the Gospel but was still in need of teaching to prevent sin.

***Act 8:13*** *Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. 18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! 21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. 22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.*

I am trying to get everyone to drop whatever false teaching they put up with or accept because a denomination teaches it. Think for yourselves believing all the scripture. I am not trying to dissolve groves of people worshiping God. I only want everyone to follow exactly what scripture says!

I once was a member of a Denomination but found, when it came to Salvation, what was taught did not fit what I studied in scripture. I tried to get preachers to explain to me how I was wrong. They could not. I did get knowledge from them when I attended there. This helped me grow in knowledge in God's word. They were good to me. But I could not stay anywhere which taught the wrong way to Salvation. Nobody should accept anything taught that contradicts any scripture. I believe there are good people in all Denominations but haven't considered how some of their teachings contradict other scriptures. Remember only one is truly good, it is God. *Those who teach false doctrine are not good, no matter how good they appear.* Please consider and read the scriptures in this study.

You must make up your own mind. After all God has always defended your right to choose. God did tell you the consequences of sin, because of his love for man. Disagreeing with any opinion of mine will not bother me. I only ask that you don't disagree with scriptures. Why? Because this is like disagreeing with God!

I am not hard on the people of Denominations, I am hard on division. Denominations are a division from Christ. Why? Because every denomination was created or founded by a man. This is historical. They all teach different doctrines. God wants you to accept his teachings in the Bible.

The meaning of the word "Denominations" means to divide. Example: We have different denominations of money, in other words divisions of money.

**1Co 1:12** Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." **13** Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

Avoid using your own opinion. *You are not inspired.* It will only cause division.

**2Ti 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. 16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. 17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort,

We really don't understand our own nature, so how can we give our own opinion. We must depend on God's word and His help.

**Luk 9:54** And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" 55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "**You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. 56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.**" And they went to another village.

God rebuked Eliphaz the Temanite and his two friends. Why? Because their opinion was wrong.

**Job 4:1- Job 5:27** Eliphaz the Temanite's speech in his own opinion

**Job 32:6** So Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, answered and said: "I am young in years, and you are very old; Therefore I was afraid, And dared not declare my opinion to you. --- 10 "Therefore I say, 'Listen to me, I also will declare my opinion.' 17 I also will answer my part, I too will declare my opinion.

**Job 42:7** And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.



**Rom 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.**

**Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.**

**Isa 29:13 Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,**

We must be careful to do what God teaches avoiding the tradition of men.

**Mar 7:8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men— the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."**

We hear the good shepherd (Jesus) in the word of God. (The Bible)  
Division also occurs when we don't understand God's teaching.

**Joh 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. 17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." 19 Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings.**

Pray for understanding and wisdom.

**Luk 24:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."**

**Col 1:3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; 5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; 7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8 who also declared to us**

**your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

**Jas 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.**

If you don't put God first in your life you could go into division.

**Luk 14:25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'**

This is the Greek word translated hate in this scripture.

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From a primary word [μῖσος misos](#) (*hatred*); to *detest* (especially to *persecute*); by extension to love less: - hate (-ful).

This is a list of everywhere this Greek word is used.

[Mat 5:43](#) [Mat 5:44](#) [Mat 6:24](#) [Mat 10:22](#) [Mat 24:9](#) [Mat 24:10](#) [Mar 13:13](#) [Luk 1:71](#) [Luk 6:22](#)  
[Luk 6:27](#) [Luk 14:26](#) [Luk 16:13](#) [Luk 19:14](#) [Luk 21:17](#) [Joh 3:20](#) [Joh 7:7](#) [Joh 12:25](#) [Joh 15:18](#)  
[Joh 15:19](#) [Joh 15:23](#) [Joh 15:24](#) [Joh 15:25](#) [Joh 17:14](#) [Rom 7:15](#) [Rom 9:13](#) [Eph 5:29](#) [Tit 3:3](#)  
[Heb 1:9](#) [1Jn 2:9](#) [1Jn 2:11](#) [1Jn 3:13](#) [1Jn 3:15](#) [1Jn 4:20](#) [Jud 1:23](#) [Rev 2:6](#) [Rev 17:16](#) [Rev 18:2](#)

This doesn't contradict because the meaning fits "love less".

This scripture is emphasizing we must put God above all people even ourselves.

**Luk 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. 25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? 26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.**

God teaches us to love one another. That would include parents, children, all people.

**1Jn 4:19** *We love Him because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.*

**Heb 10:24** *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,*

We need to pray for the ability to retain knowledge and wisdom.  
This will help us to help remove division.

**Ecc 2:26** *For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.*

**Dan 2:20** *Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. 21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. 22 He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.*

**Jas 1:2** *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*

Compromising to men's teachings cannot be accepted.

**Psa 119:1** *Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD! 2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart! 3 They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways. 4 You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently.*

**1Ki 18:21** *And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.*

**Joh 8:44** *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."*

**Joh 10:25** *Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is*



**greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."**

If we truly believe in the Bible, we will follow it and not man's teachings. These Jew's didn't follow God completely.

**Isa 29:13 Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,**

**Deu 4:1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.**

We must go by God's word and not deviate, to a teaching we think is better. This would be adding and taking away from the simple teaching in God's law. We are not under the Mosaic Law now but the principal applies in because it is taught in all the Bible. (See the study "Do God's Will.pdf" on my web page)

### The proper attitude.

**Psa 119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD! 2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart! 3 They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways. 4 You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently. 5 Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes! 6 Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments. 7 I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments. 8 I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly! 9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. 10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! 11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. 12 Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes. 13 With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. 16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word. --- 127 Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold! 128 Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way. 129 Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them. 130 The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. 131 I opened my mouth and panted, For I longed for Your commandments. 132 Look upon me and be merciful to me, As Your custom is toward those who love Your name. 133 Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me. 134 Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep Your precepts.**

**Rev 22:18** For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.**

**Jos 24:15** And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Philosophy of men may sound good but beware it isn't.

**Col 2:6** As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, **7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9** For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

We can go away from following God by an evil heart of unbelief.  
This is division from God.

**Heb 3:12** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; **13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "TODAY," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14** For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, **15** while it is said: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION." **16** For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? **17** Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? **18** And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? **19** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

We need to have the right heart to avoid division.

**1Pe 3:3** Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel **4** rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. --- **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; 16** having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. **17** For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. **18** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

Disputes can cause division.

**2Ti 2:23** But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

We can stop divisions.

**2Ti 2:24** *And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, **25** in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, **26** and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.*

We must declare the whole counsel of God, to prevent division.

**Act 20:27** *For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. **28** Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **31** Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.*

Be strong and let the word of God abide in you.  
If you do this you may stop division.

**1Jn 2:14** *I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. **15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

Avoid the care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches.

**Mar 4:18** *Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, **19** and **the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. **20** But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.***

Let the word of God shine as a light that you may influence others.

**Mar 4:21** *Also He said to them, **"Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? **22** For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. **39** You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. **40** But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. **41** "I do not receive honor from men.***

**Joh 5:42** *But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. **43** I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. **44** How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?*

**Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.**

Preach the word of God.

**2Ti 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.**

*The heart of division. (A teaching not found in the Bible is a fable.)*

**Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**

Leaving out scripture is like saying, God did not deliver it. This causes division.

**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.**

If God put it in scripture, then we must obey it. We can't ignore it.

**1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.**

Walking in his commandments is obeying all of them.

**2Jn 1:6 This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.**

Follow exactly what the scripture says. Don't try to explain it away. (This is taking away from scripture and also adding falsehood to scripture.) (Read the study "Do God's Will.doc" and "Saved.pdf" on my web page.)

**Deu 17:10 You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the LORD chooses. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they order you. 11 According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they pronounce upon you.**

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