

8. The believer must have good manners which, in effect, is thoughtfulness toward others in the congregation. The believer must not create a disturbance through body movement, must not talk and discuss while the pastor is teaching.
9. Believers must exercise maximum self-discipline by concentration on the message.

Doctrine is to be the believer's life. John 6:63; Colossians 3:1-4 cf. 1 Corinthians 2:16; Deuteronomy 32:46-47; Deuteronomy 30:20a; Proverbs 6:23; Proverbs 4:13; Psalm 119:13-17; Psalm 19:7; Proverbs 1:4

Proverbs 4:13: "Take hold of instruction; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life."

Doctrine must be taught consistently over a period of time by a qualified Pastor/Teacher so that the positive volition believer can grow to spiritual maturity. Acts 8:30; 1 Timothy 4:10, 16; Hebrews 5:11-6:5; Psalm 119:33; Philippians 1:30; 1 John 1:1; Acts 5:42 (daily); Ephesians 6:17; Romans 10:8, 17; John 14:22 & ff (progressively taught)

1 Timothy 4:16: "Pay close attention to yourself (Timothy's personal spiritual growth (Pastor/Teacher)) and to your teaching ("διδασκαλία" – "didaskalia": That which is taught – Bible Doctrine); persevere ("ἐπιμένω" – "epiménō": to stay at or with) in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation ("σῶζω" – "sōzō": to deliver – deliver the baby believer to spiritual maturity) both for yourself and for those who hear you (Timothy will also grow)."

Ecclesiastes 12:9: "In addition to being a wise man, the Preacher (Solomon - חֵלְלֵהַת – "qôheleth") also taught the people knowledge (Bible Doctrine); and he pondered, searched out and arranged many proverbs."

- a. Quote from the Gnomon of the New Testament, published in 1742 by Johann Albrecht Bengel, the father of the science of textual criticism; a theologian and linguist:

"Scripture is the life of the church. The church is the guardian of scripture. When the church is strong, scripture shines abroad. When the church is sick, scripture is imprisoned. Thus scripture and the church exhibit together the appearance of health or else of sickness, so that the treatment of scripture corresponds with the state of the church."

- b. Quote from Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., Toward an Exegetical Theology:

"Scripture is the foundation of the church. The church is the guardian of scripture. When the church is in strong health, the light of scripture shines bright. When the church is sick, scripture is corroded by neglect. Thus it happens that the outward form of scripture and that of the church usually seems to exhibit simultaneously either health or sickness. And as a rule, the

way scripture is being treated is in direct relationship to the condition of the church.”

Doctrine is to be inhaled daily. Acts 5:42; Jeremiah 7:25; Philippians 3:16; Hebrews 3:7, 15; Hebrews 4:7; Luke 2:40, 52; 2 Corinthians 4:16; Hebrews 5:14 (the divine “exercise program”)

2 Corinthians 4:16: “Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.”

Consistency in the inhale of doctrine becomes of utmost importance in this dispensation. Hebrews 10:25, 35-36; Colossians 2:6-7; Philippians 3:12-16; Hebrews 4:7; Ephesians 6:13; Ephesians 5:15-17; 1 John 2:3

Philippians 3:12-14: “Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Vs. 13: Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, Vs. 14: I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Hebrews 10:25: “Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”

Doctrine is life’s “director”. Hebrew 10:20; Psalm 119:105; Psalm 37:23 (Proverbs 8:30 – the “foreman” at creation of the universe); (Psalm 119:105 – provides divine guidance)

Psalm 119:105: “Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

God always provides doctrine to match up with the believer’s divine assignment in life. Romans 12:1-3; 2 Peter 1:1-8

Romans 12:1-2: “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. Vs. 2: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

The communication of doctrine in the Church Age is the exclusive domain of the local church pastor. Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Colossians 1:25-29; Ephesians 4:11-15; Philippians 4:9-10; Acts 20:28; Colossians 2:19

Acts 20:28: “Be on guard for yourselves and for 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.”

Doctrine is so valuable that even the angels seek to learn it from Church Age believers. 1 Timothy 5:21; Ephesians 3:10; 1 Corinthians 11:10

Ephesians 3:10: “So that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.”

The essence of doctrine is found in James 3:17: **Pure, tranquil, objective, dependable, a full measure, productive quality, impartial, without hypocrisy.**

Doctrine is superior to gold, silver or rubies. Proverbs 8:10-11

Proverbs 8:10-11: “Take my instruction and not silver, And knowledge rather than choicest gold. Vs. 11: For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things cannot compare with her.”

It takes a “man” to grow in doctrine and stick with it. 1 Corinthians 14:20

1 Corinthians 14:20: “Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.”

Only thru knowledge of doctrine can the believer love God. Psalm 119:165, 167; 1 Peter 1:8

1 Peter 1:8: “and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,”

Only believers can understand doctrine. Colossians 1:26; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Colossians 1:26: “That is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,”

Doctrine is the basis for distribution of maximum blessings to the believer. Isaiah 53:12; Isaiah 37:31; Hebrews 11:9-10 cf. 11:13

Doctrine is also the basis for surpassing blessings in eternity. Hebrews 11:19 cf. 11:13; James 1:25 cf. 2:12-13

The believer’s attitude toward doctrine determines whether or not he is to be blessed or disciplined in time. 2 Peter 1:3; Proverbs 8:32-36

- a. God can “yank away” evil attacks on believers when believers have doctrine. 1 Corinthians 3:19; Proverbs 2:12
- b. Therefore, doctrine is the basis for deliverance in life. 1 Timothy 4:16; James 1:21; Genesis 18:17-19

- c. **Without doctrine, Satan corrupts and captures the minds of believers. 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 11:13; Ephesians 4:14, 18**
- d. **Only doctrine is the source of all divine provision. 2 Peter 1:1-3**

Maximum happiness comes through doctrine. (Proverbs 3:13) Bible doctrine is the only true source of happiness. (Luke 11:27-28)

As doctrine is multiplied in the believer, so is grace and peace. 2 Peter 1:2-3

The results of doctrine:

- a. **Confidence – Job 5:24-27; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Hebrews 10:35**
- b. **Divine viewpoint of life and establishes right priorities in the soul – Isaiah 55:7-9; 2 Corinthians 10:5**
- c. **Orientation to the Plan of God – Isaiah 26:3-4; Romans 8:28; Colossians 3:1-3; Colossians 1:9-10**
- d. **Stability of mind – James 1:8**
- e. **Divine guidance and the execution of the will of God – Romans 12:2-3; Psalm 119:130; Psalm 119:105; Isaiah 6**
- f. **The ability to accomplish the Plan of God. Isaiah 55:11**
- g. **Ability for spiritual exhale in life – 2 Peter 1:3**
- h. **Bible doctrine allows for the effective production of divine good and witnessing. Isaiah 26:3-4; 1 Peter 3:15**
- i. **Capacity for occupation with Christ and capacity for love exhale – Philippians 3:10; Ephesians 3:19; Hebrews 12:2-3**
- j. **Retention of spiritual maturity at maximum levels – James 3:13 (expert); Philippians 3:12-14; Ephesians 2:19-22; Proverbs 19:20; Proverbs 20:5; Proverbs 21:11b; Ephesians 4:13-14**
- k. **Maximum blessings in eternity – Hebrews 11:9-13; James 1:25; James 2:12-13**
- l. **Ability to have proper perspective in life with regard to people, the world, temporal life, physical death, and suffering – 1 Corinthians 3:21-27**
 - 1. **World – 1 John 2:5; 1 John 4:6; 2 Kings 6:24-7:20**
 - 2. **Life – 1 John 5:13-15**

3. Suffering – Romans 8:18
4. Death – Philippians 1:21
- m. Together with the Filling of the Holy Spirit, doctrine comprises the believer's tactical victory in the Angelic Conflict, whereby provision for suffering is forthcoming. 1 Peter 2:9-20
- n. Produces capacity to love in seven categories. 1 Corinthians 13; Colossians 3:19; Romans 1:31; 2 John 5; Titus 3:4; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; 1 Peter 3:10; 1 John 2:3-11
 1. Seven categories of love: **God, marriage, family, other believers, unbelievers, things, and life.**
- o. Produces capacity to complete Operation Influence – Romans 12:1-3
 1. Categories of influence:
 - a. Elect angels – 1 Peter 1:2; Luke 15:10
 - b. Demons – Ephesians 3:10
 - c. Old Testament saints – Hebrews 12:1
 - d. Other believers – 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
 - e. Mankind – 2 Corinthians 3:2-3; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Thessalonians 1:6
 - f. Nature – Isaiah 55:11-12; Romans 8:19-21
- p. Capacity to glorify and please God – 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 15:16; Ephesians 3:20-21; 1 Peter 4:11, 16
- q. Promotes unity among believers – Philippians 4:1-3
- r. Prevents Satanic infiltration – Luke 22:31; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Corinthians 11:14-15
- s. Produces inner happiness – Proverbs 3:13; James 1:12; 1 John 1:4
- t. Produces inner peace – Psalm 119:165; John 16:33
- u. You can avoid reversionism. Philippians 2:3-14; Galatians 1:6-9; Proverbs 8:36
- v. Your faith will grow if you water it with Bible Doctrine. Romans 10:17

Romans 10:17: “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- w. Allows the believer to have a Relaxed Mental Attitude. Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:11
- x. Bible doctrine enables you to use the Faith Rest Drill.

1. Claim a promise. 1 Peter 5:7

1 Peter 5:7: “Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.”

2. Doctrinal rationale.

A. Plan of God rationale.

B. Essence of God rationale.

3. Reach a doctrinal conclusion. Doctrinal rationales lead to doctrinal conclusions if you have any Bible Doctrine in your soul. Romans 8:31

Romans 8:31: “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?”

y. Doctrine is required to execute the Royal Law and is dependent on spiritual growth and Bible Doctrine in the soul. Leviticus 19:18; James 2:8; 1 Peter 1:22

z. Doctrine allows you to learn and gives you the ability to apply the 10 Problem Solving Devices.

1. Rebound – 1 John 1:9

2. Filling of the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:16; John 16:13

3. Faith-Rest Drill – Romans 4:20-21; 2 Peter 1:3-4;
Hebrews 4:1-3a

4. Grace Orientation – 1 Peter 5:5b-6; Ephesians 4:31-32

5. Doctrinal Orientation – Proverbs 23:7a; Romans 12:2-3; 1 Corinthians 13:13

6. Personal Sense of Destiny – Romans 14:7-8; Romans 8:30;

7. Personal Love for God – John 4:24; Romans 8:28

8. Impersonal love for all mankind – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Romans 13:8-10

9. Sharing the happiness of God – Philippians 1:21; John 15:11

10. Occupation with Christ – Philippians 1:20-21; 1 Peter 1:8

Bible doctrine must precede production. Psalm 119:7, 27, 32; Psalm 119:41-42; Deuteronomy 4:5; John 14

Bible doctrine in the soul is the means of promotion. 1 Chronicles 11:1-2

Biblical equivalents for maximum doctrine in the soul:

a. **Language** – (חֵכֶם: “chokmâh”) Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 1:20; Proverbs 2:20 – (Hebrew noun - **Wisdom**); (ἐπίγνωσις: “epígnōsis”) (Greek noun - **Knowledge**) 2 Peter 1:2

b. **Theological** – James 4:6 (“**more grace**”)

c. **Priestly** – Hebrews 13:10 (**altar of the soul**)

- d. **Building** – Ephesians 4:12, 16 (“edification complex”); Luke 14:28 (“tower” of the soul)
- e. **Time** – Ephesians 5:15-18; Colossians 4:5 (redeem the time)
- f. **Central control** – Ephesians 6:10 (dictator of the soul)
- g. **Military** – Ephesians 6:11-18 (put on the full armor); Hebrews 12:1-2; Colossians 2:5-8
- h. **Crucifixion** – Matthew 10:38; Luke 9:23; 14:27; Mark 8:34 (take up your cross...) (To follow Christ – the believer will receive undeserved suffering for blessing when he stands for God’s truth in the devil’s world. This accelerates spiritual growth.)
- i. **Chemical** – Matthew 5:13; Colossians 4:6 (salt) (Bible Doctrine is the preservative that believers must become.)
- j. **Sanctification** – (godliness = good worship = exhale of divine good) – 1 Timothy 6:3-4; 2 Peter 1:3 (Holiness = character and integrity of the Royal Priest = content of doctrine in the soul); Romans 6:19, 22; 1 Peter 1:2

Bible doctrine is not for sale! Proverbs 23:23; 1 Peter 5:2; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; Matthew 6:24

1 Timothy 6:5: “and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain (the Word of God is not for sale).”

When people do not want doctrine, the Lord will not make it available. Isaiah 29:9-15 cf. 29:18-19

Doctrine keeps the soul young. Psalm 103:5; Isaiah 40:29-31

Isaiah 40:29-31: “He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Vs. 30: Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Vs. 31: Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.”

Parents are to teach their children Bible doctrine. Deuteronomy 6:7; Psalm 34:11

Deuteronomy 6:7: “You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.”

Psalm 34:11: “Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.”

- a. When Bible Doctrine is not taught to your children, expect negative results.
- b. Teaching your children Bible Doctrine (without driving it down their throats) is one way of protecting them from the cosmic system.
- c. If you are not positive to studying Bible Doctrine, there is a good chance your children won't be.
- d. It starts by speaking Bible Doctrine to your children. It is the knowledge that must be gained by them.
- e. Remember no matter how busy you get, it is your obligation to teach your children!
- f. The spiritual legacy given to children is always the greatest thing you can give them.

Lack of doctrine destroys nations. Hosea 4:1-6; Isaiah 7; Isaiah 1:1-10.

Hosea 4:6: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”

Studying Bible doctrine grows the pivot in a nation and allows a nation to be preserved. 2 Chronicles 7:14

2 Chronicles 7:14: “My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Therefore, only Bible doctrine can save a nation. Isaiah 8:16-20; Proverbs 14:34a

Proverbs 14:34a: “Righteousness exalts a nation.”

After doctrine is neglected in a nation over a period of time, it is no longer available. Amos 8:4-14, 12; Micah 3:1-7; 1 Samuel 3:1; 1 Samuel 28:6; 2 Chronicles 15:3; Isaiah 29:9-15; Jeremiah 23:33-40

Micah 3:4: “Then they will cry out to the Lord, But He will not answer them. Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time because they have practiced evil deeds.”

A summary of the importance of Bible Doctrine is found in Proverbs 8 (this Proverb is written from the viewpoint of doctrine speaking); Hebrews 11; 2 Peter 1:12-21; Isaiah 53:12

Attitude toward Bible doctrine determines whether the believer is blessed or disciplined in time. Proverbs 8:33-36; Hebrews 11, 12

The issue in life is not sin, but who controls the soul, evil or Bible doctrine.

The primary issue in the Christian way of life is growing to spiritual maturity. The battle for the believer's soul is constantly between the temptation of the sin nature verses the filling of the Holy Spirit and daily spiritual growth. 2 Corinthians 11:3

Consistency in the intake of Bible doctrine is the secret to reaching spiritual maturity. The main reasons for being inconsistent are distractions, mental attitude sins, inordinate desire rather than contentment, entertainment, wrong priorities.

Once you start studying Bible doctrine consistently you can then apply it:

- a. **Toward God**: Includes worship, personal love for God, and occupation with Jesus Christ.
- b. **Toward self**: Refers to spiritual self-esteem.
- c. **Toward dying**: Application of Bible doctrine as part of dying grace.

Jesus Christ's last words on the cross is the legacy for the Royal Family. Christ's dying breath, made Bible doctrine the spiritual legacy of the Royal Family. Luke 23:46 cf. Psalms 31:5

Luke 23:46: “**And when Jesus had cried** (φωνέω: “phōnéō” – means to enunciate. Luke is emphasizing content) **with a loud voice, He said, Father, into thy hands I commend** (παρατίθημι: “paratíthēmi” – to deposit) **my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up** (ἐκπνέω: “ekpnéō” – this word indicates that at the close of His words Christ did not inhale again) **the ghost.”**

NOTE: From the three Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark and Luke) we conclude that what the Lord said was important as indicated by His loud voice, His perfect breath control, and His clearly enunciated words. Consequently, what Jesus said just before He died physically is so vital that no member of the Royal Family of God can afford to miss it. “Follow the Colors”, R. B. Thieme, Jr., page 6.

The completed message is stated prophetically in Psalms 31:5.

“Into Thine hand I commit (תָּקַד: “pâqad” – to deposit) **My spirit: Thou hast redeemed** (הִרָצַח: “pâdâh” – to deliver; to rescue) **Me, O Lord God of truth** (אֱמֶת: “emeth” – truth; whatever is true; faithfulness;).”

NOTE: The Tetragrammaton יהוה (YHWH or Yahweh), “Lord,” refers here to a specific Person in the Trinity – the Father. “Lord” is followed here by an unusual word or God – “el” – which directs attention to His power and sovereignty. Next, the Psalmist states the source of

deliverance: “emeth” – truth. “Emeth” is a specific reference to Bible doctrine. This Hebrew word designates the source of our Lord’s deliverance and refers specifically to Bible doctrine. Thus Christ literally addressed the Father as “Yahweh”, God of doctrine! “Follow the Colors”, R. B. Thieme, Jr., page 7.

Luke 23:46: “And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into thy hands I deposit my spirit; and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”

Psalms 31:5: “Into Thine hand I deposit My spirit; Thou hast delivered Me, O Jehovah, God of doctrine.”

Your object is to grow to spiritual maturity. In order to do this, you need to find a church where the pastor teaches Scripture from the original Hebrew and Greek languages.

Concentrate on the subjects taught, retain what you learn in your soul, facilitate the doctrines into paths of least resistance, and apply what you learn to life and circumstances.

You have to do this by yourself. Spiritual growth is a walk, not a run. The Word of God is alive and powerful and as such requires strict concentration on your part.

However, the primary Teacher is the Holy Spirit, whose spiritual link to you is through the teaching ministry of the pastor-teacher in a local church.

It’s through this system that the believer grows in grace, acquires multiple doctrines which are categorized in Scripture, and which ultimately becomes the inventory of immutable truths retained in your soul for recall and application to life and circumstances.

There is no misleading superfluous information, nothing we don’t need to know. The message is the same from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 21.

Learning Bible doctrine is the only way to understand God, heaven and His essence.

Scripture is the inerrant mind of our creator. 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

God’s word is free from blemish and is unpolluted by errors. It is TRUTH!

We find enlightenment and wisdom that surpasses anything we can find in science.

Bible doctrine provides the peace and joy that surpasses all the other adversity of life.

Remember, no matter what spiritual condition a believer may be in, your soul can be restored through the consistent intake of Bible doctrine under a qualified pastor/teacher.

You cannot identify legalism and false doctrine if you don’t have Bible doctrine in your soul found in the mind of Christ.

Wisdom is the product of Bible doctrine. Proverbs 1:2-5

Proverbs 1:2-5: “To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding, Vs.3: To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice and equity; Vs.4: To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion, Vs.5: A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,”

God’s word maps out a straight course for the one who is guided by it. The word of God is the GPS for our lives.

Bible doctrine in the soul must be number one priority in the life of the believer. 2 Peter 1:12-13

2 Peter 1:12-13: “Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. Vs. 13: I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder,”

You need Bible doctrine in your soul if you’re going to please God and have an impact in this world.

It’s easy to forget Bible doctrine if you don’t keep up the intake.

Believers are stabilized by remembering the Bible doctrine they possess. Lamentations 3:21-23

Lamentations 3:21-23: “This I recall to my mind; Therefore I have hope. Vs.22: The Lord’s loving kindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. Vs.23: They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

Never forget that Bible doctrine is truth! It gives you the guidance to navigate your time on earth and how to live through the chaos we currently face in this country today.

1 John 4:4-5: “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Vs.5: Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

John 16:33: “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world.”