WARNINGS**PROVE ALL THINGS,HOLD FAST TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD

1 Ths.5,21 Prove all things,hold fast that which is good,that we may know what is that good,and acceptable,and perfect will of God.

Paul instructing Titus on qualifications of deacons,Tit.1,9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught,that he may be able by sound doctrine,both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers,specially they of the circumcision:whose mouths must be stopped,who subvert whole houses,teaching things which they ought not;for filthy lucre's sake.12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own,said,The Cretians are always liars.

2 Tim.4,2 Preach the word,be instant in season,out of season,rebuke, exhort with all long suffering,and doctrine.3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers,having itching ears;4 And they shall turn their ears away from the truth,and shall be turned unto fables.5 But watch thou in all things,endure affliction,do the work of an evangelist,make full proof of thy ministry.

2 Pe.2,1 But there were false prophets also among the people,even as there shall also be false teachers among you,who privily shall bring damnable heresies,even denying the Lord that bought them,and bring upon themselves swift destruction.2 and many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandice of you: whose judgment of a long time lingereth not,and their damnation slumbereth not.4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned,but cast them down to hell,and delivered them into chains of darkness,to be reserved unto judgment.

1 Tim.1,3 That thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,4 neither give heed to endless fables and geneologies,which minister questions rather than Godly edifying which is in faith,so do,6 From which some having swerved,have turned aside unto vain janglings.7 Desiring to be teachers of the law;understanding neither what they say,nor whereof they affirm.

1 Tim.4,1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly,that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith,giving heed to seducing spirits,and doctrines of devils;2 Speaking lies in hypocracy;having their conscience seared with a hot iron;3 Forbidding to marry,and commanding to abstain from meats,which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.Verse 11 These things command and teach.

1 Tim.6,2-- These things teach and exhort.¶ 3 If any man teach otherwise,and consent not to wholesome words,even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ,and the doctrine which is according to Godliness:4 He is proud, knowing nothing,but doting about questions and strife of words,whereof cometh envy,strife,evil surmisings.5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds,and destitute of the truth,supposing that gain is Godliness:From such turn away.

1 Pe.5,8 Be sober,be vigilant;because our adversary the devil,as a roaring lion,walketh about,seeking whom he may devour:9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith.Jas.4,7 Resist the Devil and he will flee from you.

1 Jn.4,1 Beloved,believe not every spirit,but try the spirits,whether they be of God:Because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Rev.2,2 To the church at Ephesus.I know thy works,and thy labour,and thy patience,and how thou canst not bear them which are evil:and thou hast tried them that say they are apostles,and are not,and hast found them liars.

2 Cor.11,13 For such are false apostles,deceitful workers,transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.14 And no marvel,for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.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.

Ac.20,28 To the elders at Ephesus. Take heed therefore unto yourselves,and to all the flock,over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers,to feed the church of Gpd,which He hath purchased with His own blood.29 For I know that after my departing,shall grievous wolves men arise,speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after themselves,31 therefore watch and remember,that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day,with tears.32 And now brethren,I commend you to God,and to the word of His Grace,which is able to build you up,and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Heb.3,12 Take heed brethren,lest there be in any of you an evil heaet of unbelief in departing from the living God.13 But exhort oneanother daily,while it is called today;lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Mt.15,8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth,and honoureth me with their lips;but their heart is far from me.

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WARNINGS AND EXHORTATIONS**PROVE ALL THINGS,HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD.

Mt15,9 But in vain they do worship me,teaching for doctrine,the commandments of men. Col.2,18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility,and worshipping of angels,intruding into those things which he hath not seen,vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.

Eph.4,11Christ ascended.Verse 10 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;13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith,and to the knowledge of the Son of God,unto a perfect man,unto the fullness of the stature of Christ:That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro,and carried about with every wind of doctrine,by the cunning craftiness of men,whereby they lie in wait to deceive.But speaking the truth in love,may grow up into Him in all things,which is the head,which is Christ.

Exhortations.

1 Cor.15,58 Therefore my brethren,be ye steadfast,unmoveable,always abounding inthe work of the Lord,Forasmuch as ye know your labour is not invain in the Lord.--Gal5,1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherwith Christ hath made us free,and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage.

1 Pe,3,15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts;and be ready at all times to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.THE HOPE,Which hope we have as an anchor to the soul,both sure and steadfast,and that entereth into that withe.hen the vail.--Col.4,6 Let your speech be always with grace,seasoned with salt,that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.--1 Tim.3,14 These things write I unto you,hoping to come unto thee shortly;but if I tarry long,that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God,which is the Church of the living God,the ground and the pillar of the truth.

2 Tim.2,15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God,a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,rightly dividing the word of truth.--And then teach them to others,1 Tim.6,2 These things teach and exhort.2 Tim.2,1 Thou therefore my son,be strong in the ~~Lord~~= Grace that is in Christ Jesus.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.

Isaiah 8,20 To the Law and to the testimony: If they speak not according to this word,it is because there is no light in them.--Tit.2,1 But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine.15 These things speak and exhort,and rebuke with all authority.

1 Cor.14,37 If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual,let him acknowledge that the things I write unto thee,are the commandments of God.

Be ready to give an answer.

Some of the answers Jesus gave to others.

Mt.2,47 And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. Mt.4 When tempted of Satan,"if thou be the Son of God,command this stone that it be made bread.And Jesus answered answered him saying, It is written that man shall not live by bread alone,but by every word of God.Verse 5 And the Devil,taking Him up into an high mountain,shewed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,6 And the devil sa said unto Him,All this power and the glory of them,for that is delivered unto me;and to whomsoever I shall give it.7 If thou therefore wilt worship me,all shall be thine.8 And Jesus answered and said unto him,Get thee behind me Satan,For it is written,Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God,and Him only shalt thou serve.9 And he brought Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,and said unto Him,If thou be the Son of God, Cast thyself down from hence:10 For it is written,He shall give His angels charge over thee,to keep thee.11And in their hands they shall bear thee up lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.12 And Jesus answering unto him,It is saidd,Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.--The devil left Him. So we are reminded Resist the Devil and He will flee from thee. Whom resist steadfast in the faith.

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