

It Compliments not Contradicts

Sound Doctrine is the application of God's COMPLETE Word - Titus 2:1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.

We are in a terrible time where man puts his desires before having a relationship God - 2 Tim 4:3-4 - 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

Jesus shows a great example of using doctrine Soundly - Matt 4:6-7 - 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. (Ps 91:11,12) "" 7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Deut 6:16)

- **Sound Doctrine is allowing the Word to work together, taking the following into consideration:**
 - **Context** – Where the statement is placed. Is it limited to where it is placed or is it universal?
 - **Definition** – What does it mean (take translation into consideration)
 - **Application** – How it is used (Understand, ONLY God (the Bible) can adjust scripture).

We are not to gain or teach God's Word by self-effort, but by God's strength - 1 Peter 4:10-11 - 10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, **FAITHFULLY ADMINISTERING GOD'S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS**. 11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

We must let the Bible interpret the Bible - Ps 119:104-105 - 104 I gain understanding FROM YOUR PRECEPTS; therefore I hate every wrong path. 105 **YOUR WORD** is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Explanations of Bible passages that SEEM to contradict

- **No works vs Works -**

Eph 2:8-10 - 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 **NOT BY WORKS**, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

James 2:24 You see that a person is justified by WHAT HE DOES and not by faith ALONE.

***These complement each other (definition & context): We are not justified by "our Works" but "works of faith" is a must**

- **Burden vs burden** - Gal 6:2-5 - 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden. KJV

***Definition – Two words translated using the same word but different meanings**

Baros - (bar'-os); weight; a load, abundance, burden.

phortion (for-tee'-on);(figuratively) a task or service:

- **Obey man vs obeying God**

Submit yourself to every ordinance of man - 1 Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority,

Obey God rather than men - Acts 5:29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"

***Compliment (Application): We are to obey man's authority UNLESS we are told to disobey God**

- **To answer or not to answer a fool according to his folly** Prov 26:4-5 - 4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself. 5 Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.

***Context: Do Not come down to their level, but when you do answer them remember who you are answering**

- **To show or not to show your good deeds**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. KJV

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: — Matt 6:1 - "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

***Definition & Purpose: We are to Live Godly not for men to see us but for us to display God.**

- **Plowshare to swords or Swords to plowshares**

Joel 3:10 **Beat your plowshares into swords** and your **pruning hooks into spears**.

Mic 4:3 He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will **beat their swords into plowshares** and their **spears into pruning hooks**. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

***Contexted & application: In Joel it talks of the war before the millennium, while In Micah it speaks of the millennium itself.**

When it comes down to it, we must study the Word TOTALLY trusting in God, not relying on what we think - Prov 3:5 **Trust in the Lord with all your heart** and **lean NOT** on your own understanding;