



Importance of Bible Doctrine; Summary of the 4 Basic Problems in Life: GAP, Power Struggle, 5th Columns, FLOT Line, Rebound, Vessels of Honor & Dishonor

7. In the Church Age, pastors are commissioned by God to communicate Bible doctrine to their congregations:

Colossians 1:25 - I have become a minister, according to the standard of the Church Age having been given to you for the purpose of communicating it to you to fill up your deficiency [*πληρώω, plēroō: to fill an empty vessel*] in the word of God.

8. The believer who learns, believes, and applies Bible doctrine experiences many positive results:

- (1) Doctrine produces confidence and courage toward life and circumstances:

Philippians 4:12 - I have come to know how to be under discipline and I also have come to know what it is to live in spiritual prosperity. In every place and in all circumstances I have been instructed how to be well-fed through spiritual growth and how to hunger more for the word of God.

v. 13 - I have endowed power to obtain all things by means of the One Who keeps pouring the power into me.

- (2) Doctrine produces divine viewpoint and establishes priorities in the soul which empower the believer to perform as an effective combatant in the Invisible War:

2 Corinthians 10:4 - The weapons of our conflict are not of human but divine power by means of God to demolish Lucifer's fortified positions. We tear down arguments

v. 5 - and every arrogant obstacle attacking the knowledge of God and making a prisoner of every human-viewpoint system of thought [*νόημα, noēma: Satanic plot or contrivance*] to make it obey Christ.

- (3) Doctrine replaces human viewpoint with divine viewpoint thus revealing to us the will of God:

Romans 12:2 - Stop being molded to this world's Zeitgeist, but be transformed by the renovation of your thought, that you may prove what the will of God is, namely, the good, the well-pleasing, and the complete.

- (4) Doctrine in the stream of consciousness develops occupation with Christ:

Philippians 2:1 - If there is any type of encouragement in Christ [**the spiritual life**], if there is any comfort from love [**occupation with Christ**], if there is any fellowship with the Holy Spirit [**filling of the Spirit in the double-column advance**], and if there is any emotional response to doctrine [**emotion responds it never leads**] and compassion for others, [**1CC: and there is**],

Philippians 2:2 - then complete my happiness [**by continuing the advance to maturity**] that you keep on having the same thinking [**divine viewpoint**], the same love [**occupation with Christ**], united in spirit [*ἐξωτερικὴ ἁρμονία, exōterikē harmonia: group harmony, concord, & unity with fellow believers*], concentrating on one objective [**spiritual maturity**].

- (5) The believer who is ignorant of Bible doctrine is easily deceived and becomes a gullible target of exploitation and manipulation by evil associates:



Colossians 2:8 - Constantly be on guard that no one [**false teachers**] rob you of you of your blessings in Christ [**συλαγωγέω, sulagōgeō: figurative use**] through human speculation and empty deceit according to the traditions of mankind [**Jewish traditions of the oral law, e.g., the Halakah, or Western ideology, e.g., Frankfurt philosophy**], according to the basic principles of *cosmos diabolicus*, rather than according to the teachings of Christ.

(6) Paul expressed the ultimate objective for the believer in this life in:

Philippians 3:10 - That I may come to know Christ [**through spiritual advance**] and the power of His resurrection ...

(7) Jesus Christ stated His attitude toward those who do not know Bible doctrine in:

Matthew 22:29 - You are persistently being led astray [**present passive indicative of πλανᾶω, planaō: to be deceived or led astray**] because you do not know the Scriptures [**negative volition**] nor the power of God [**unbelievers cannot experience divine assistance**].

Because of their ignorance of the Word of God we find the Sadducees being deceived by their own willingness to believe the lie. They have bought into error therefore they have both propagandized and brainwashed themselves.

27. In summary, the four basic problems in life are:

- a. People emphasis over God emphasis.
- b. Dependence upon human power over divine power.
- c. Ignorance of and/or rejection of biblical guidance.
- d. Failure to make learning the Word of God life's top priority.

NOTE: Review of the mechanics of the Christian way of life in light of assaults from the Dark Side.

Visuals presented: (1) Grace Apparatus for Perception: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, (2) Power Struggle for the Soul: Galatians 5:16-25, (3) Intrinsic & Extrinsic Fifth Columns*, (4) Outside Adversity-Inside Stress, (5) Believer's Road to Ruin & Recovery, (6) Vessel of Honor, and (7) Vessel of Dishonor.

* **Morris, William & Mary. *Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins*. (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1977), 218:**

Fifth column. Ernest Hemingway deserves credit for having established *fifth column* as a term for secret subversives working within a country. The phrase was first uttered by General (Emilio) Mota, who said, during the Spanish Civil War, that he was commanding five columns in the assault on Madrid, four converging on the city from various directions, "and the fifth column within the city."

28. The Christian couple will face these problems times two and must be prepared to deal with them corporately: for better or for worse in sickness as well as in health and in adversity as well as in prosperity.
29. This requires them to be efficient in the ten problem-solving devices.