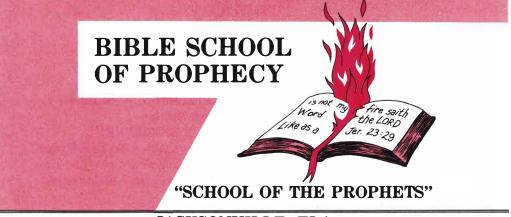
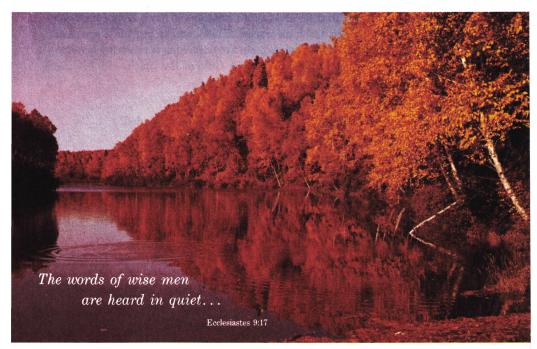
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DECLARATION:

Honesty and simplicity must accompany the quest of every true disciple of Christ in diligent study of God's Word to find the knowledge of God.

INTRODUCTORY SCRIPTURES:

First and last, we must accept this authoritative fact: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for (1) doctrine, (2) for reproof, (3) for correction, (4) for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:16-17. Jesus declared "It is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Matt. 4:4. Note carefully the phrase preceding the introduction of Biblical authority: "It is written." "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:31. Also: "But whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning [i.e., the Old Testament scriptures], that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Rom. 15:3.

Supplementary Scriptures for further Study:

II Pet. 1:19-21	Eph. 2:20	John 10:35
II Pet. 3:1-2	Matt. 7:24-27	Luke 21:33
John 1:1-2	John 14:24	Gal. 1:6-12

LESSON EXPOSITION:

The whole Bible rightly divided must be accepted as the authority for a genuine disciple of Jesus Christ — not just the New Testament. **The Word of God is our foundation, the Old and New Testaments:** "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." Eph. 2:19-20. Ponder that revelation carefully. We are founded upon the Words of Jesus, the apostles, and the holy prophets of the Old Testament! We are complete only in Him, the living Word. Col. 2:6-10.

Objectivity is all important now! No bias or preconceptions can now be permitted to blind or distort your concept and viewpoints of Bible truths. Wrong interpretations and concepts of Bible doctrines are as deadly as unbelief! So beware. The great apostle Peter warns: "Our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." II Pet. 3:15-16.

The Apostle Paul has also warned: "For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." II Cor. 2:17. Also: "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully." II Cor. 4:1-2.

A GRAVE WARNING

Perverting and changing God's Word in today's sick and decadent so-called Christian culture is epidemic. False teachers and counterfeit bibles are deadly perils to weak and fainthearted Christians. But, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us...we are not ignorant of his devices." II Cor. 2:11. The only true Bible with God's message and revelation to His true elect is the King James Version. The message of God it has established for nearly five centuries speaks with authority. But the devil hates authority, and he hates men who speak with authority — so in the last few years, in a subtle attempt to confuse, misguide, and to silence men of God who speak with authority, the devil has used other men to paraphrase some 65 other perverted bibles. These must be rejected and exposed as fraudulent.

The Holy Bible has 66 books and 1189 chapters, all written by some 40 authors over a period of 1600 years; many of these living centuries apart, but by the anointing of the Holy Ghost their message was basically the same. Each author's writings complement the other author's work in full corroboration — thus we have the Holy Scriptures as God's Word. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation [i.e., no one verse can be interpreted alone]. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Pet. 1:20-21.

NOW WE ARE GOING TO LEARN OF GOD AS WE STUDY THE HOLY SCRIPTURES. BUT PONDER THIS, CAREFULLY:

Jesus tenderly and with great yearning advises you and all wouldbe disciples [i.e., disciplined followers]: "Take my **yoke** upon you, **and learn of me.**" Matt. 11:29. Christ's yoke suggests total obedience and discipline; "To learn of Christ" can only be accomplished through consistent study and the subsequent knowledge we receive from His

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Word. "The Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the Word of the Lord." I Sam. 3:21. You meet the Lord through a spiritual experience — you know Him only through His written Word. Also: Gal. 4:9; I John 2:4.

PART A. GOD'S WAY TO STUDY & TEACH THE WORD OF GOD.

I. The Bible Explains Itself.

a. "Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." Isa. 28:9-10. This is simply a divine order to put scripture upon scripture throughout the Bible on a particular subject and study them carefully and collectively in this manner. The Holy Ghost then warns of a tragedy when this divine order is rejected: "But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they [i.e., those who rebel] might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, [i.e., by the devil] and taken." Verse 13.

b. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any **private interpretation** [i.e., **no one verse stands alone**]. For the **prophecy** [this includes all scripture] came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Pet. 1:20-21. Every Christian is responsible to obey God's Word — every exhortation and every commandment! Each Bible author was anointed by the Holy Ghost to write a fragmentary revelation containing God's message and Word to men. The Holy Ghost pieces the message together into a composite and full revelation "precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a scripture and there a scripture." The Holy Ghost anointed holy men of God to write God's Word — He gives the same anointing to interpret it and teach it through holy men of God. The true Bible was written and preserved in its present form by Divine Design — the King James Version.

II. Speaking With Authority: Scriptural.

a. "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Matt. 7:28-29. Also: "And straightway on the sabbath day he [Jesus] entered into the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes." Mark 1:21-22. "Speaking with authority" means speaking with knowledge of God's Word, and being forceful and dogmatic about what it says! — Not speaking apologetically nor with hesitation!

b. "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority." Titus 2:15. Also: "These things command and teach." I Tim. 4:11.

Jesus, our Lord and Master taught, exhorted, and rebuked with the Word of God — true men of God are commanded to do the same — i.e., quote the Bible: "Reprove, Rebuke, and Exhort with all longsuffering and Doctrine." II Tim. 4:2. This requires MUCH study of the Holy Bible — much time, energy, prayer, and patience! But alas — "Some have not the knowledge of God [i.e., through His Word]; I speak this to your shame." I Cor. 15:34.

c. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." I Pet. 4:11. This is speaking with authority also — telling it just like it is! But the world and worldly Christians hate him that speaks with authority or dogmatically. Jesus foretold his critics: "The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil." John 7:7. Also: "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them." John 17:14. God's prophet exclaimed: "They hate him that rebuketh in the gate [i.e., speaks with Biblical authority], and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly." Amos 5:10. Why? Answer: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12. Also: "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself [i.e., he sees his own sin and rebellion]." James 1:23-24. And may we add: "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord: and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Jer. 23:29.

d. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable (1) for doctrine, (2) for reproof, (3) for correction, (4) for instruction in righteousness." II Tim. 3:16. God's Word is the authority of a true man or woman of God, but it must be spoken boldly without equivocation for reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.

III. Wrong Way to Study & Teach God's Word.

a. Verse by verse commentary is error. No one verse of the Holy Scriptures is of any private interpretation.

b. A theological exposition of one Book of the Bible as opposed to another Book or Author of the Bible leads into error. For example Romans vs. James. This is a modern-day controversy.

c. Commentaries and modern theology courses mutilate the Word of God, explain it away, and use their professed scholarship in Greek or Hebrew to re-translate it into mysticism and modernism, making God's Word of no effect.

Supplementary Scriptures for Study:

Matt. 15:7-9	Isa. 29:9-14	Jer. 23:36	Ezek. 13:19-22
II Pet. 2:1-3	II Pet. 3:14-18	I John 4:4-6	John 5:39
Acts 17:11	Deut. 29:29	Mark 13:34	Luke 9:1-2
Titus 1:10-14	Prov. 5:11-13	Psa. 33:4	Psa. 119:128
Rom. 3:3-4	Eph. 6:17	I Thess. 2:4, 13	Psa. 119:165

PART B. LEGALISM

I. What is Legalism?

What does the theological term "legalistic" mean? It is a term taken from the following scriptures: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law [i.e., Moses' law]." Rom. 3:28. "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." Rom. 7:19-21. "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe." Rom. 3:21-22. Also: "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works." Rom. 4:6. And: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." I John 1:8.

DISCUSSION:

Any true saint of God who lives a sanctified life will be accused by the perverters of God's Word as legalistic. These blind theologians and their blind followers vehemently protest obedience to God's commands in His Word crying out, "We all are sinners - we're not bound by God's commandments — we are free and liberated under grace." Of course, this libertine concept is permissiveness — not true liberty in Christ. Rom. 8:32. Ponder this amazing revelation: The Book of **Romans** is written in defence of the justification of a sinner by God's grace through faith without the works of the Law of Moses — i.e., sacrifice or circumcision: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1. Also: "But God be thanked, that ye were [past tense] the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed [past tense] from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Rom. 6:17-18. When we come to Christ as sinners, we have no good works that God will accept — it is all of mercy and grace without good works — salvation is a free gift. Rom. 5:15-19; Titus 3:4-5; Eph. 2:8-10. The Book of James is written in defence of the justification of the believer who has been saved by grace - the righteousness of Christ that has been imputed without works through faith unto repentance (Rom. 2:4; Acts 3:19) — "It is the goodness of God that leadeth thee to repentance." The Apostle James writes of the works of faith which is the true believer's justification --this is obedience to God's Word! "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works [i.e., works of faith] is dead?... Ye see then how that by works [i.e., obedience] a man [i.e., a saved man] is justified.

and not by faith only...For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works [i.e., obedience to God's Word] is dead also." James 2:20-26. The apostle asked this pertinent and stimulating question also: "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man [i.e., Christian] say he hath faith, and hath not works [i.e., does not obey all of God's Word]? Can faith [i.e., alone] save [i.e., justify] him?" verse 14. The answer is NO! We must teach the knowledge of God and the doctrines of the Bible precept upon precept, scripture upon scripture, from one book of the Holy Bible to another, or be snared, and broken, and taken captive by Satan. Isa. 28:9-13; II Tim. 2:15; Jas. 1:22; Luke 6:46. "LEGALISM and LEGALISTIC" are theological terms used as smokescreens to cover up blindness and rebellion toward God's Word.

II. LEGALISM EXPOSED!

It is not being legalistic to keep God's Word and to live a holy, sanctified, Spirit-filled life! A true, born-again Christian will keep God's law — not the law of Moses! A true, repented Christian will quit sinning! A sanctified believer in Christ will not live like the world! Gal. 5:24. "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth [obeyeth] his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him." I John 2:2-5. Also: "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God." I Cor. 7:19. And: "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whose ver sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness [i.e., obeys God's commandments] is righteous, even as he [i.e., Jesus] is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil." I John 3:6-8.

SUMMARY:

Let us now say boldly with the Apostle Paul: "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law [i.e., of Moses], then Christ is dead in vain." Gal. 2:21. That righteousness is fulfilled only in those "who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:4. "Brethren, ye have been called to liberty [i.e., freedom from being servants of sin]; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another [Gal. 5:13]; And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts [Gal. 5:24]." Also: John 8:32-36. If Christ is in us, we will live righteously and godly also. A new creation "in Christ" will have the righteousness of Christ. We are holy because He is holy. If we are holy inwardly, we will be holy outwardly. It is all by His grace, the Spirit of God working and living the purity of Christ through us. "If we walk in the light [i.e., obey His Word], as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another [i.e., with God's true saints], and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7.

Supplementary Scriptures for Further Study:

I Cor. 15:34	Rom. 6:1-6, 22-23	Rom. 8:12-13
Rom. 6:20	James 5:19-20	I John 3:10
Rom. 13:8-10	Matt. 19:16-17	John 5:14; 8:11, 31-36
I John 5:3	John 14:21-24	I Pet. 1:2, 14-15, 22
James 1:22	Psa. 37:31	Heb. 8:8-13; 10:14-17
II Cor. 5:21	Rom. 8:10	James 1:27

Another Source of Study: Word of Prophecy magazine, August 1983, "Living Victoriously."

PART C. PERVERSIONS OF GOD'S WORD.

I. Teaching from Perverted & Corrupt Bibles: Beware!

a. Holy Ghost Warnings: Don't accept any of the some 55 "perversions" of the Bible nor study from them. "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel." Gal. 1:6-7. Also: "They changed the truth of God into a lie." Rom. 1:25.

b. Holy Ghost Warnings: Counterfeit bibles, false prophets, and the phony "Christians" that these produce are grave perils to God's true saints! "For I testify to every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Rev. 22:18-19. Also: "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." Prov. 30:5-6.

DISCUSSION:

"It is impossible to teach with authority about God and His commandments from many bibles." The devil has known this for many centuries, so to bring about confusion, Satan has inspired the so-called translations (they are really paraphrased) of some 55 "Bibles" which are subtle counterfeits of the true Word of God, the King James Version, which is a pure, accurate translation from the original Greek and Hebrew manuscripts. We can prove this! And Will!

God's Word must be spoken and taught with authority. The Bible, as God's Word, must be as God himself: "I am the Lord; I change not." Mal. 3:6. Also, God has assured all men: "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." Psa. 89:34. Also: "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Num. 23:19. Satan's greatest obsession has always been to alter God's Word, bringing it to the level of the word of man! He has succeeded in all the perverted, so-called "Bibles" — Yet, God's true message to man has survived Satan's treacherous devices to destroy it by barbaric vandalism, medieval burnings, and modernists' "scholarship." Not even a "jot or tittle" can be changed, Jesus said, and God's Word remain unadulterated and true. Matt. 5:18. God's true Word has been proven and tested over and over for almost 4 centuries, and these results are unmistakably evident in the lives of men and of nations who have been evangelized and taught through that message as revealed in the King James Version of the Bible.

Supplementary Source of Study: Perversions of the Bible, 1987 Edition.

II. Teaching From Perversions of the Bible: The Tragic Results!

a. A person can receive "another Jesus" or a mimicking (seducing) spirit. God's warning: "For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him...For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." II Cor. 11:4, 13. Also: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith [i.e., God's true Word], giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils: Speaking lies in hypocrisy." I Tim. 4:1-2.

b. You can be Bewitched, Beguiled, Seduced, or Deceived through teaching from a "changed" bible. Holy Ghost warning: "O foolish Galations, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?" Gal. 3:1. Also: "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? This persuasion cometh not of him [i.e., of Christ] that calleth you." Gal. 5:7-8. Also: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies [i.e., doctrines that lead to hell], even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways [i.e., tell you what you like to hear to get your money]." II Pet. 2:1-2.

DISCUSSION:

The Holy Scriptures cannot mean all things to all men — "The scriptures are of no private interpretation." II Pet. 1:20. The Holy Scriptures are spiritually understood, so the Master Teacher, the Holy Ghost, will not interpret them to each teacher or Christian differently. I Cor. 2:12-16. The Holy Scriptures do not read like a magazine or the morning newspaper! Do not listen to a teacher or preacher who uses a Perversion of the True Bible, nor read his writings. Theology books, commentaries, and theological seminaries have distorted and perverted God's True Word until most preachers have been brainwashed away from the truth by their teaching. This compromising,

diluted, and distorted "gospel" is ruining the churches of Jesus Christ — NOW! Bewitching, Beguiling, Seducing, and Deceiving are big business in our land through "teachers who teach fables to disciples having itching ears, who turn their ears away from the truth, and are turned to those fables." II Tim. 4:3-4. Religious books of fables fill the religious bookstores of America — Perverted Bibles, Commentaries of Modernists, Theology Books of soothsaying teachers — and, tens of thousands of foolish and blind professing Christians who study these perversions of the truth, are being led into destruction. II Pet. 3:15-16; Matt. 15:14; II Cor. 11:1-3; Matt. 24:4-5. (Study these scriptures).

A Warning. God's Word can be changed or perverted by rejecting it, resisting it, disobeying it, burning it, or ignoring it — but this will lead to tragedy and destruction. However, we can believe it, obey it, love it, learn it, and teach it. The results: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee [i.e., those you teach God's true Word]." I Tim. 4:16. Read Gal. 1:6-12.

Supplementary Scriptures for Further Study:

Matt. 15:6	Isa. 9:16	II Cor. 11:1-3	I John 2:26
II Tim. 3:8	Acts 8:9-11	Phil. 3:17-19	Rom. 16:17-19
Jas. 1:22-25	Jer. 36:23	Acts 20:27-35	Prov. 13:13

PART D. REMEMBER TO USE THESE 5 KEYS IN THE STUDY OF GOD'S WORD.

I. Rightly Divide the Word of Truth (II Tim. 2:15): "Precept upon Precept [i.e., scripture upon scripture], precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little [i.e., here a scripture and there a scripture on the same subject or doctrine.]" Isa. 28:9.

II. Our Foundation is the Message of the Holy Prophets & Apostles of Jesus Christ, as well as Christ's Word. Eph. 2:20; Rom. 15:4; II Pet. 3:1-2; I Cor. 10:11; Acts 13:40-41; II Tim. 3:16.

III. The King James Bible contains God's only True Message to Man in English — The Martin Luther version in German — the Textus Receptus in Greek. Isa. 24:5; Deut. 13:32; Matt. 15:6; II Tim. 3:7-8, 13; Rev. 22:18-19; II Tim. 4:3-4; Acts 13:6-10; Jer. 23:30-31, 36, Rom. 1:25; Gal. 1:6-7.

IV. Beware of False Teaching & Teachers! II Tim. 3:10-14; II Pet. 2:1-3; I Cor. 4:14-16; Phil. 3:17-19; II John 9-11; Jude 10-13; Titus 1:10-11; Matt. 24:24; Esp. Rom. 2:21-23; II Tim. 3:6-7.

V. Full Obedience to God's Word Is Not Legalism! Read Esp. Luke 17:9-10; also Deut. 29:29; Acts 17:11; John 5:39; Psa. 34:11; Prov. 9:10; Ezek. 22:25-31; Eccles. 12:13-14; John 15:9-10; Luke 6:46; James 1:22; I John 2:3-4; Heb. 5:8-9.

PART E. MEMORIZATION:

God's Word Must Be Hid In Our Hearts! Memorize these scriptures used in Lesson No. 2:

Matt. 4:4	Mark 1:21-22	II Cor. 2:11	II Pet. 1:19-21
Matt. 22:14	Isa. 28:9-13	I Pet. 4:11	Gal. 1:6-7
I Cor. 15:34	Matt. 7:24-27	Rev. 22:18-19	Luke 17:9-10
John 6:63	II Tim. 2:15	II Tim. 3:15-17	Heb. 4:12
Psa. 119:9-11	Eph. 6:17	I John 3:8	John 14:21-24

PART F. DAILY BIBLE READING & PRAYER:

Our Objective?

I. To keep Pure & Holy

Jas. 4:8	I Tim. 4:12-13	Phil. 4:8	Psa. 119:9-11
Eph. 5:26	John 15:3	John 17:17	Prov. 4:20-27
I Pet. 1:22	Eph. 5:25-27	Prov. 8:34	Psa. 1:1-3

II. To Grow in Grace & Knowledge of God

I Pet. 2:2	II Pet. 3:18	Jer. 15:16	Psa. 119:103-104

III. To Stay Strong & Victorious

I John 2:14	Luke 18:1	I Thess. 5:17	John 15:7
Col. 3:12-17	Eph. 6:10-18	Rom. 10:17	Acts 19:20

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