

# **Balance**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Balance is a necessity.
- B. Do not go wild over a point regardless of what it is.

## II. One must be balanced in his doctrine and the Word.

- A. Many of the denominations produce pride even though their objective is the same.
- B. One must seek balance in what the Bible says.
  - 1. We obey God rather than man. (Galatians 1:10, Daniel 6:10)
  - 2. We should tenaciously obey God in relationship to our personal relationship to Him.
  - 3. There are other verses that we should obey men. (2 Corinthians 8:21, 1 Thessalonians 5, Matthew 17:27)
    - a. Jesus did not stand for his right in order not to offend the people on certain things.
    - b. Sometimes we have certain liberties that we are to be careful of being a stumbling block to others.
    - c. Throw out things that are stumbling blocks so that you can please men.
  - 4. Memorize verses that complement each other.
    - a. For instance, you can ask God for assistance in the trades and for the Word. (Exodus 31:35, Acts 6:4)
    - b. Try to study the balancing truths.
  - 5. Look askance upon new secret discoveries. (Ephesians 4:13, 2 Peter 1:20)
    - a. Truth does not change.
    - b. The New Testament teaches the importance of Jesus' teaching and the Old Testament. (Matthew 28:19-20)
    - c. There are works and grace in salvation. (Ephesians 2:8-10, Philippians 2:12, James 2:21, Titus 3:5)
- C. Be balanced on discipline.

1. There is a balance between discipline and love.
2. One is to speak the truth in love.
3. Are you called to the mission field or to people? (Acts 1:8)
4. Jesus increased in godly wisdom and worldly wisdom. (Luke 2:52)
5. Discipline without desire leads to discouragement.

III. Question and answer.

**Application questions**

1. How is one to be balanced with the Bible?

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2. How can one be balanced in practice?

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3. What areas of your life could use some more balance? How will you achieve this? Explain.

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