

## Lesson #01

# What Makes Right?

**TEXT: Ephesians 6:1**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. WE SHOULD BE MOTIVATED BY OUR **DESIRE TO BE RIGHT**.
  - 1. Righteousness characterizes the rule of Jesus( **Hebrews 1:8-9** ).
  - 2. It is the identifying mark of his followers( **2 Timothy 2:19** ).
- B. HOW DO WE DETERMINE WHAT IS RIGHT AND WRONG?
  - 1. We must find a **STANDARD**.
  - 2. Our standard **must be in accord with that of the Judge**.
  - 3. One **reason for division is we can't agree on a standard**.

### **I. STANDARDS THAT MISS THE MARK –**

#### **WHAT DOES NOT MAKE RIGHT.**

- A. HUMAN REASONING( **Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23** ).
- B. HUMAN CONSCIENCE( **Acts 23:1; 1 Timothy. 1:12-13 →Romans 14:23** ).
- C. CUSTOM OR TRADITION( **Matthew 15:1-3; Colossians 2:8** ).
- D. CIVIL AUTHORITY( **Acts 3:17; 1 Corinthians 2:8; but see 1 Peter 2:13-17** ).
- E. MAJORITY( **Matthew 7:13-14** ).
- F. FAMILY TIES( **Matthew 10:34-37** ).
- G. THE CHURCH - IT CAN BE LED ASTRAY( **Acts 20:28-30; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3** ).

### **II. THE STANDARD THAT GOD GAVE –**

#### **WHAT DOES DETERMINE RIGHT?**

- A. GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH( **John 17:17** ).
- B. GOD'S TESTIMONY IN THE WORD IS RIGHTEOUSNESS( **Psalms 119:138** ).
- C. NOTICE THE ADVANTAGE DAVID HAD BECAUSE OF GOD'S WORD:
  - 1. Hope( **vs. 81** ).
  - 2. Security( **vs. 89** ).
  - 3. Wisdom( **vs. 97** ).
  - 4. Guidance( **vs. 105** ).
- D. GOD'S WILL REVEALED THROUGH THE SPIRIT TO THE 12( **Ephesians 3:5** ).
  - 1. They spoke in words taught by the Spirit( **1 Corinthians 2:13** ).
  - 2. They also wrote what they received( **Ephesians 3:3-4** ).
  - 3. The result is understanding the mystery( **vs. 4** ). Communication.
    - a. We can all understand it alike!
    - b. No longer a mystery( **vs. 5; 1 Peter 1:10-12** ).
- E. GOD'S REVELATION IS COMPLETE AND COMPLETELY FINISHED!
  - 1. **2 Timothy. 3:16-17**.
  - 2. "Once for all." ( **Jude 3; Hebrews 10:10:12** ).
- F. NOT EVEN AN ANGEL CAN CHANGE IT( **Galatians 1:8-9; 1 John 4:1-6** ).

**CONCLUSION: WHAT IS YOUR STANDARD? WHAT DOES IT DIRECT YOU TO DO?**