

HOW THE BIBLE TEACHES

1. DIRECT COMMANDS

Through commands God tells one what is imperative in one's behavior, character and thinking. Rebellion is not taken lightly.

1 Corinthians 7:19 -- ...but what matters is the keeping of the *commandments* of God.

Acts 17:30 -- Therefore having overlooked the times of this ignorance, God is now *declaring* to men that all everywhere should repent.

Acts 10:48 -- And he *ordered* them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

2. APPROVED EXAMPLES

The Bible provides examples as to what should be done or not.

James 5:10 -- *As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets* who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Galatians 5:1 -- *Be imitators of God, as beloved children.*

3. NECESSARY INFERENCE

Often what needs to be done is left for one to infer so that one's options are guided by proper direction.

Galatians 5:19-21 -- *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envyings, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these...*

Philippians 2:2 -- *do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

THINGS NECESSARY FOR SALVATION

One has to believe what God is telling them in order for them to properly do what He wills (Hebrews 11:6; John 3:36).

One has to change their way of life (stop sinning) in order to be acceptable to God (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7).

One has to accept Jesus as the Messiah promised and His divine nature as the Son of God (Matthew 10:32-33; John 8:23-24).

One has to get his past sins removed in order to begin a new life in Christ (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-4).

One must continue to walk in the light and do what is pleasing to the Lord (1 John 1:7; Ephesians 5:8,10).

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