

HOW TO “STAND ALONE”

WHAT IS THE SCOPE?

- **It is based on** _____

“. . . Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. But if any man love God, the same is known of him” (I Corinthians 8:1–3).

- **It is a decision which** _____

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10).

- **It is the foundation that** _____

“As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God” (I Peter 2:16).

- **It is** _____

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32).

“. . . Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (I Peter 3:15–17).

“But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth” (II Timothy 2:23–25).

- **It is** _____

“Stand therefore, having . . . your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace” (Ephesians 6:14–15).

- **It is a result of** _____

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, not forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Hebrews 13:5–6).

“The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them” (Deuteronomy 33:27).

• **It is the basis of** _____

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6; see also verse 1).

“. . . A preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly” (II Peter 2:5).

“. . . So will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish” (Esther 4:16).

“. . . How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9).

“. . . We will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up” (Daniel 3:18).

“Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he . . . prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime” (Daniel 6:10).

HOW IS IT MAINTAINED?



“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures All scripture is . . . profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (II Timothy 3:15–17).



“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way . . .” (Deuteronomy 6:7).



“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (I Corinthians 11:1).



“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:1–2).

WHAT ARE THE THREE KEY CONCEPTS?

1. CONCEPT:

“Therefore shall a man . . . cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife . . .” (I Timothy 3:2). “. . . The wife of one man” (I Timothy 5:9).

What does this concept mean?

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What guidelines apply?

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“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel . . .” (I Timothy 2:9). (See also Genesis 2:25; 3:7, 21.)

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“. . . Abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor . . .” (I Thessalonians 4:1–8).

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“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are . . . pure . . . think on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

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“Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature . . .” (Romans 1:25–27). (See also Leviticus 18:22–23; I Corinthians 6:9–11.)

2. CONCEPT:

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft . . .” (I Samuel 15:23). “The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out . . .” (Proverbs 30:17).

What does this concept mean?

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God-given authority



What guidelines apply?



“He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy” (Proverbs 29:1).



“Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment” (Exodus 23:2).



“Thou shalt not steal” (Exodus 20:15).



“. . . Not slanderers . . .” (I Timothy 3:11).



“. . . There shall not be found among you any one . . . that useth divination . . .” (Deuteronomy 18:9–14).



“Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity” (I Timothy 5:1–2).

3. CONCEPT:

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy . . .” (I Corinthians 3:16–17).

What does this concept mean?



What guidelines apply?



“. . . By thy sorceries were all nations deceived” (Revelation 18:23).



“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Proverbs 20:1).

HOW IS IT ESTABLISHED?



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