

WHAT THE GENUINE MUST BE AWARE OF AS FATHER CHASTISES

"When Your judgments are executed, people learn righteousness" (Isaiah 26:9).

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God's Word Is Your Mutual Authority
Collectively Applying It Distinguishes The Genuine

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

In this Nugget we'll be delineating a Bible-based line of demarcation for the *genuinely* born again so that you can ensure that you are free from the deception of anti-Semitic theology. Here is an insight into the *wrong* side of the line created by these theologians. It has its own mantra, **"We major on the majors, and minor on the minors"** to ostensibly convey **"ecumenical Christian unity."** Behind the deceptive guise of ecumenical Christian unity there remains *disunity* among 45,000 to 49,000 denominations and sects. They're on the wrong side of the Bible's line of demarcation!

👉 Theologically devised unity that is *not* based on the collective and unified application of our Lord's commands is simply sinking sand. Let us elaborate. When the *genuine* read in God's Word, **"You shall love the LORD your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your mind"** (Matthew 22:37), they see it as the cornerstone to them putting into practice all our Lord's other commands. As we've often emphasized, the *genuine*, individually and collectively, evidence their love for our Lord by aligning their lives to His commands: **"If you love Me, keep My commands!"** (John 14:15; see also John 14:21; 1John 5:2,3; 2John 6).



By not allowing themselves to be divided by competing creedal interpretations, the *genuine* fully comprehend the Bible as **authoritative** in commanding their lives. To the *genuine* who have been born of the Spirit, our Lord's words have a huge impact: **"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock"** (Matthew 7:24). Authentic brothers and sisters in their Lord Jesus share a mutual commitment to Him and intentionally walk

in His commands by the grace and power which His Spirit affords. This is why the fellowship family of the *genuine* can endure personal difficulties and even disasters which are common worldwide—because their trust is founded on their Lord as their never-failing Rock. And they know they have each other to share the trials with. *"The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock"* (Matthew 7:25).



The extended spiritual family of the *genuine* mutually trust that the Holy Spirit will clarify any differences they might have: *"And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained"* (Philippians 3:15b,16).

On the wrong side of the demarcation line is nominal Christianity's many diverse denominations and sects which give proof to our Lord's warning, *"Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does **not** put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand"* (Matthew 7:26). The nominal treat the Bible as "inspirational", but not commanding their lives as the very words of Him Who authored it.



Our Lord's Operation Manual "All Scripture is God-breathed..." (2Timothy 3:16a).

💠 As did our Lord Jesus's earliest followers, the *genuine* absolutely trust in the Bible's authority in their lives. Its very nature as God's Word galvanizes the *genuine* to treat it as an **operations manual**. The commands in both the Older and Newer Testaments not only prescribe the specific way of life that leads to glorifying our Father as we fulfill His purposes on earth. Its commands are also the authoritative

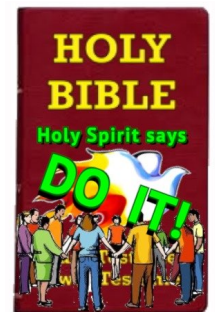
reference for the *genuine* in correcting our brothers and sisters when they sin. And, confronting sin based on the Bible's commands enables the *genuine* to maintain communal righteousness.



DO IT! Mike had served in the military for 8 years when he first read the Bible. As a pilot he knew that the operations manual for aviators was the authoritative source he needed to comply with. And as he read the Scriptures, he saw the same operational, authoritative understanding of God's Word. This foundational view of God's Word has guided how we've lived as *genuine* for the past 48 years. But sadly, we've met very few Christians who treat our Lord's commands as divine authority because of Who gave them. The nominal Christians who are only "inspired" by God's Word and the *genuine* whose life and choices are commanded by it have nothing in common. This is the Bible-based line of demarcation you want to be on the right side of.

"Work out your own salvation [plural command] with fear and trembling, for it is God Who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12,13).

During our years of ministry we've frequently focused on another core biblical truth which anti-Semitic theologians dismissed in favor of blind devotion to their own creedal stances. Most of our Lord's Newer Testament commands were written in a plural context rather than singularly to individuals. That's because His righteous commands are intended to be **applied collectively**. Whether as a married couple or within the extended family of your home fellowship, your pilgrimage to your salvation is to be **worked out together** as Christ's combined "body parts". If you're not collectively applying His commands even within your family, then you're rebelling against His intent for giving them in the plural.



All too many Protestant theologians emphasized the **individual's faith and beliefs** and disregarded the indispensable importance of **mutual participation** both in **Christ-like character development** and in **fulfilling Father's purposes**. Mutual participation is paramount for the *genuine* because our Father and our Lord Jesus gave each of us the Holy Spirit. The Spirit apportions spiritual gifts so we can mutually cooperate in fulfilling Father's purposes. Spirit-bestowed power that's collectively used with a singleness of purpose is our Lord's way to victory in the spiritual war that's being fought for the souls of mankind.

Caution: Are you *genuine* but refusing to let the Spirit use you with others to mutually participate in this battle to free those who are still held captive in Satan's grip? Then you're sinning grievously against the Lord who has empowered you and called you to do this. Are souls being lost for eternity because these people just don't matter to you and/or to your fellowship family? Ask yourselves: How is the love of Lord Jesus, Who died for all mankind, being mutually demonstrated through you?

For further understanding of the collective participation of the *genuine* please read:

- [Lifebyte 37. Extending The Kingdom: The People Movement Approach \(Part 1\)](#)
- [Lifebyte 38. Extending The Kingdom: The People Movement Approach \(Part 2\)](#)

Finally, the Bible's line of demarcation is a line which the *genuine* must never cross. Your life as *genuine* must evidence the Bible's authority in your life, and that the Holy Spirit is mutually using you with others who love and serve Jesus as Lord of your life. When we represent our Lord Jesus as His redemptive ambassadors, we share personal testimonies as to His Spirit's living reality in us. These testimonies distinguish us from the nominal who entomb our Lord in the Bible's pages as a historical figure. We live mutually committed to our living Lord, collectively abiding as if He were living through us, which He is!