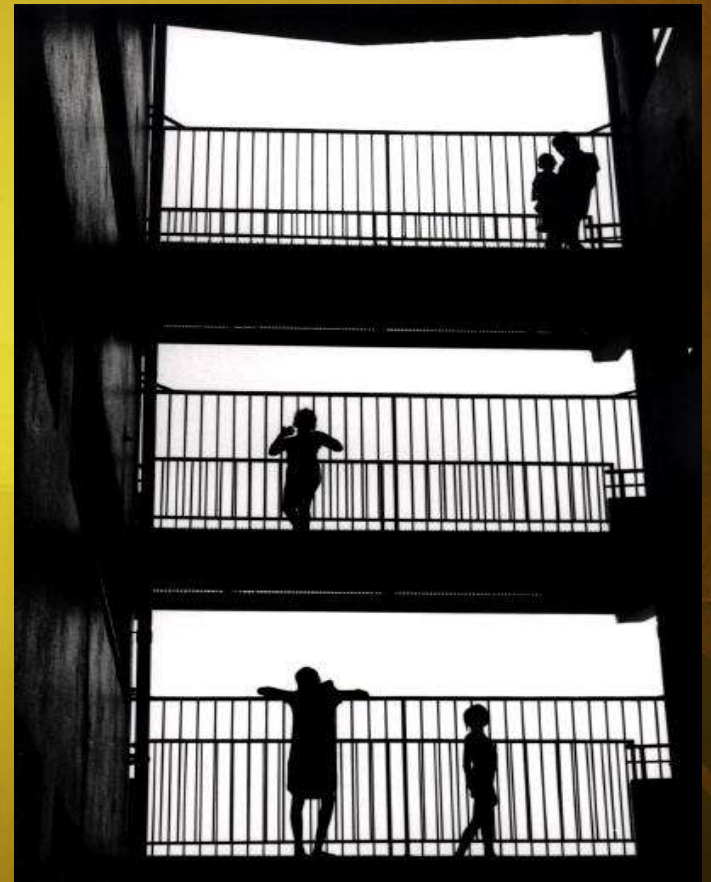


# The Importance of Discernment

- **Solomon's Proverbs** are filled with admonitions to seek discernment!
- “But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their *senses trained to discern good and evil*” (Heb 5:14).
- Serious consequences fall upon those who are naïve.

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# Guardrails are important



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# Thesis:

- WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO BE **CAREFUL?**
- THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **LEGALISM & OBEDIENCE.**
- PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

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# MEETING INTERPERSONAL NEEDS

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Sunday am  
June 1, 2014





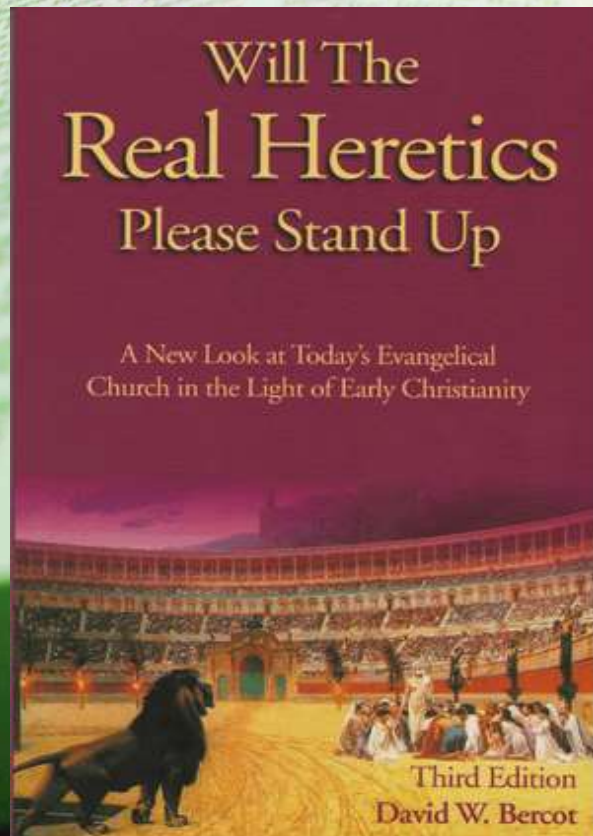
# PROFILES OF REAL CHRISTIANS

**WHAT EVANGELISTIC  
METHODS DID THEY USE?**

**Sun. 5/25 5:00 P.M.**



**GAINING NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE BIBLE  
AND TRUE DISCIPLESHIP BY STUDYING  
EARLY CHURCH HISTORY!**



**SUNDAYS  
9:30 AM**

**5/25 – 6/29**

# THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS



## *STUDYING THE BOOK OF GENESIS*

Wednesday nights – 7:00 p.m.

Spring/Summer quarter

5/28 – 9/24



# Why is it so important to be careful to obey God exactly?

## #1. We are **commanded** to be careful!

- Jude 3 “Contend *earnestly* for the *faith*.”
  - The faith = one faith!
  - “You shall know the **truth**” = one truth (Jn 8:32)!
- **Warnings** both OT and NT not to add to or take away from the Word (Deut 4:2, Rev 22:18-19).

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- The NT **commands us** not to *go beyond what is written* (I Cor 4:6, II Jn 9).

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## #2. WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF EXAMPLES THAT SHOW THAT DETAILS MATTER:

- Jesus argues based upon the *tense of a verb* (Lk 20: 37-39).
- Paul makes an entire argument based upon *singular vs. plural* (Gal 3: 16-17).
- Remember those of Berea (Acts 17:11).

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## #3 – THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE!

(I Cor 15:19, II Peter 1:10, Gal 6: 7-8).

- Ultimate tragedy is to sacrifice for spiritual things, but it does no good!
- “To draw nigh to hear (listen) is better than to give a **sacrifice of a fool**, not knowing you are doing evil” (Ecc 5:1).

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## Matt 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will of My Father** who is in heaven. "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I **never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.**'

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# Be wary of opinions of men .

*“Our opinions are our brainchildren and we love them like we do our own physical children, but our neighbors may not share our love for either. Both should be kept at home for the peace of the church and the neighborhood.”*

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## #4 – BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF TRUTH! (I Kgs 3:16-28).

- “Buy the truth and **sell it not**” (Prov 23:23).
- “Except **Jehovah** build the house they build it in vain” (Ps 127:1).

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## #5 – **BECAUSE SATAN IS THE DECEIVER!** (Genesis 3).

- “A deceiver of the whole world and a liar from the beginning” (Rev 12:8).
- He disguises himself as an “**angel of light**” and a “**minister of righteousness**” (2 Cor 11:14-15).

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# **Must Avoid a Misunderstanding Between Legalism and Obedience.**

- **Legalism (concept) is WRONG.**
  - *Law depending* = merit salvation.
  - Denies Grace!
  - Not to be confused with being careful to be obedient!

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## PRACTICAL EXAMPLES:

- **Lot's wife** – (Lk 17:32)
  - “Escape with thy life, look not behind thee” (Gen 19:17).
  - Obedience or legalism?

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# PRACTICAL EXAMPLES:

- **Nadab and Abihu**
  - “Died before Jehovah for offering up strange fire” (Num 3:4).
  - Obedience or legalism?

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## PRACTICAL EXAMPLES:

- **Moses and the Rock** (Num 20:8).
  - Told to speak to the rock but smote it twice instead!
  - Obedience or legalism?

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## **MODERN DAY EXAMPLES:**

- How often should we partake of the Lord's Supper?
- Should we use instrumental music today in worship to God?

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## Heb 10:26-27

“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have **received the knowledge of the truth**, there is no more sacrifice for sins, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.”

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