

**3. Seek God's _____ instead of your own. v.18**

He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory... v.18

The Pharisees:

- sought to be honored of men (Mt 6:2, 5, 16)
- wanted titles and public recognition (Mt 23:5-7)
- made long prayers for appearance (Lu 20:47)

Vainglory is the longing of all false teachers.

- seek to purchase the gift of God with money (Ac 8:18-20)
- serve the god their own belly (Ro 16:18; Php 3:19)
- boast in their flesh (2Co 11:18),
- suppose that gain is godliness (1Ti 6:5)
- teach things they shouldn't for filthy lucre (Tu 1:11)
- feign words to make merchandise of God's people (2Pe 2:3)
- love the wages of unrighteousness (2Pe 2:15)
- love to have the preeminence (3Jo 9).

Romans 6:18; John 12:49-50 (Cf. Jo 8:26, 38, 40, 14:10, 24; 17:8, 14)

4. Interpret Scripture _____ instead of preferentially. v.21-23

Ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. v.22

Jesus presented a parallel conflict: God's Sabbath command (Ex 20:8-11; 31:12-17; 25:2-3) and circumcision command (Lev 12:1-3).

- Circumcision removed the foreskin; Jesus made every whit whole.
- Circumcision ceremonially cleansed of one part of the body; Jesus healed the entire body.
- Circumcision wounded through cutting VS Jesus healed through speaking.
- Circumcision inflicted pain... Jesus healed the disability.

John 12:37 (Cf. Jo 3:2; 5:36; 7:31; 9:16, 30-33)

5. Judge based on _____ instead of appearance. v.24

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. v.24

Matthew 5:20-6:18 (Cf. Mt 23; Lu 16:14-15; 18:10-14; 20:46-47); Acts 17:11

To overcome false doctrine:**1. Value _____ instead of academics. v.14-16**

And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? v.15

- Seminary doesn't guarantee good doctrine; it inhibits it. See v.12, 20; Cf. Mt 15:14; Lu 6:49; Mt 4:20; 23:13-33; 1Sa 16:7)

How can you be ready to:

- Do the work of the evangelist (2Ti 4:5) but never win a lost soul to Christ
- Perfect the saints (Eph 4:11-12) yet never trained a single disciple
- Be an ensample to the flock (1Pe 5:3) but lack the character qualities required (1Ti 3; Tu 1)
- Rule the church (1Ti 5:17) but not serving under the authority of a local church.
- Feed the flock (1Pe 5:1-2) but be out of fellowship with God
- Be an elder (Ac 14:23) but never been born again.
- You do not need seminary to understand Scripture; you need to know the Author. *Matthew 7:28-29; John 17:8; Ac 4:13 (Cf. Ps 118:22-23)*

2. Gain understanding by _____ instead of information. v.17, 19-20

If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine... v.17

Proverbs 1:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5; Luke 10:21-22;

1 Corinthians 2:13-14 (Cf. Jo 16:13-14)

7 things that are God's clearly revealed will for every person:

1. To be saved. (2Pe 3:9; 1Ti 2:4)
2. To be filled with the Spirit. (Eph 5:17-18)
3. To be sanctified. (1Th 4:3-4)
4. To be submissive to the authorities in their life. (1Pe 2:13-15)
5. To be willing to suffer. (1Pe 3:14, 17; 4:19)
6. To be thankful in every thing. (1Th 5:18)
7. To be sacrificial. (2Co 8:3-5; Ro 12:1-2)