

"THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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Be Ye Stubborn? (verse – no where)



Though not explicitly mentioned in the Bible, we are calling you to be stubborn

According to one definition of the word stubborn, it means to be unyielding, unbending, and without flexibility. Though the popular definition includes being unreasonable, we ask, "What does the world consider reasonable?" And should the world dictate what is reasonable?

In short, the Bible condemns being stubborn seven times. The strongest is "*For rebellion [is as] the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness [is as] iniquity and idolatry*" (1 Samuel 15:23). Yet, we call you to be stubborn. That is because the Bible uses similar words that define stubborn such as: stand, firm, establish, etc.

Why then should we call you to be stubborn?

When you share the truth, how many times are you accused of being too firm? "Oh you're too established!" I have not been accused of such. What I have been accused of is being too stubborn. In keeping the Sabbath day holy, a church attendee who refuses to give God more than the service time and does not want to hear what the Bible says on the subject, may say, "You're too stubborn. I go to church. That's enough."

In questioning someone who takes pencils or pens from the office on purpose to avoid having to pay for their own home supplies responds with, "Oh it's just a little thing." And the conversation may continue, "Adam and Eve thought it was a little thing." "Oh, don't be so stubborn on the matter!"

The truth of the matter is that you will be called stubborn by the world. But as a Bible Christian knowing that the Bible con-

demns stubbornness, you might react negatively towards that accusation. And if you bend the "rules" a bit, then you are being flexible, yielding, and compromising, which God is not. Though he weighs all the circumstances, He does not bend the "rules". "*At the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent*" (Acts 17:30).

Stand!

"*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil*" (Ephesians 6:11). You are to be unyielding, unbending, and not flexible toward the devil, even if he calls you stubborn.

"*Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand*" (Ephesians 6:13). Armor used in a compromising way frequently results in death. One of the pieces is prayer. If you give up on praying, have no time for prayer, you will frequently find yourself losing to temptation.

"*Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints*" (Ephesians 6:14-18). Compromise not. Yield to nothing. Be flexible with nothing. When it comes to the truth, walking the Christian walk, entering into temptation, your spiritual life depends upon being firm, unyielding, even stubborn on the matter, at least as the world sees it.

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If someone asked you "why do you believe that or why do you do that" could you give them an answer from the Bible — a TSTL?

Hosea 4:6 *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

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YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE!

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There are many more verses on the use of stand or a form thereof. In fact three hundred and fifty-one verses use those words. Many include standing in the courtyard, but a lot of them call for moral standing.

Establish

To be established is to be made firm and stable, which we ought to be when it comes to the Word of God, the truth, and a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

"But if he will not hear [thee, then] take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established" (Matthew 18:16).

"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Romans 3:31).

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For [it is] a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein" (Hebrews 13:9).

"And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith" (1 Thesalonians 3:2).

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know [them], and be established in the present truth" (2 Peter 1:12).

WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?

(Isaiah 53:1)



» World Net Daily, May 10, 2007 - Murdoch pastor gets heat for mogul's porn channels

Mega-pastor Rick Warren is being challenged by other Christian leaders for not disciplining a prominent member of his California Saddleback Church flock for being one of the world's leading pornographers.

COMMENT: Ezekiel 33:8 *"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked [man], thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."*

» World Net Daily, May 6, 2007 - Anti-God Starbucks cup has customer

Firm

For this one, all you have to do is read the clear Word. *"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses [was faithful] in all his house. For this [man] was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some [man]; but he that built all things [is] God. And Moses verily [was] faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope **firm** unto the end"* (Hebrews 3:1-6).

Unyielding

"Neither yield ye your members [as] instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members [as] instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:13).

Conclusion

Despite the world calling you stubborn, be unyielding, uncompromising, and firm when it comes to God's way. *"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before [it hated] you"* (John 15:18) and may even call you stubborn.

steaming

An Ohio woman is steaming after reading an anti-God message published on the side of a Starbucks coffee cup as part of an effort by the Seattle-based coffee giant to collect different viewpoints and spur discussion.

COMMENT: Matthew 5:11 *"Blessed are ye, when [men] shall revile you, and persecute [you], and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."*

» San Francisco Chronicle, April 22, 2007 - Baby boy born, then abandoned as mother walks away

San Francisco police arrested a woman after she gave birth to a baby boy on a street corner Sunday night and then walked away,

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DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.



Submit Yourself
(1 Peter 2:13)

5:21

1. Under what condition are we to submit to one another? **Ephesians 5:21**
2. Under what condition are wives to submit to their husbands? **Colossians 3:18**
3. If we submit to God, what else are we to do? **James 4:7**
4. To learn from one another, who and in which direction are we to submit? **1 Peter 5:5**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

My Help (Psalms 70:5)

1. In addition to being your help, what else is God? **Psalms 27:9** "Hide not thy face [far] from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation."
2. God is your help and? **Psalms 40:17** "But I [am] poor and needy; [yet] the Lord thinketh upon me: thou [art] my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God."
3. What shall we be able to hide under? **Psalms 63:7** "Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice."
4. Where do we hope God is not? **Psalms 71:12** "O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help."
5. Where could our soul end up if God were not our help? **Psalms 94:17** "Unless the LORD [had been] my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence."
6. Who is our help? **Psalms 121:2** "My help [cometh] from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

Think On These Things

Rapture or Protection?

A Song of degrees. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help [cometh] from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD [is] thy keeper: the LORD [is] thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

(Psalms 121:1-8)

It serves no purpose for God to remove His followers during the time of trouble, but rather, proving God's miracles are true by protecting the faithful speaks volumes of His existence. Trust in the Lord for His protection and not a magic act of disappearance. God is not magical; God is our protector.

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abandoning the baby.

COMMENT: Isaiah 49:15 "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee."

» **WorldNetDaily, April 18, 2007 - 'Penthouse' no longer porn, Shell announces**

Shell Oil Co. has determined "Playboy" and "Penthouse" no longer are pornography, but instead are "adult sophisticates," according to a company statement. Policy change allows sale of 'adult sophisticates' by retailers.

COMMENT: Isaiah 5:20-21 "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;

that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto [them that are] wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"

» **BrietBart, April 16, 2007 - Chocolate gives people more of a buzz than passionate kisses: study**

British researchers said Monday they were stunned to discover that people get more of a buzz from eating chocolate than passionately kissing their lovers.

COMMENT: 1 Peter 1:13 "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" Be careful of taking chocolate into your body. We knew that chocolate had a drugging affect, but now science provided the evidence.

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Go Ahead and Be Stubborn!
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Where's the news?
How to reveal the real Antichrist
(Question & Answer)



ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH (Dan. 10:21)



QUESTION #1- What happened to the news section? You did not mention it would be dropped. That's

the only form of news I receive. It is just enough information to be aware of what is happening without all of the unnecessary details.

ANSWER #1- It has always been our intention to include the news because that is real world application of the word of God. Just receiving the main article is a form of preaching. We try to make it more Bible study oriented so that it is more of teaching. But even in school, if all you receive is teaching and not application, the first time you have to apply what you learned will be a challenge. So when possible, we do still intend to include it. Unfortunately, space is very limited. We will try our best to include it when we can.

QUESTION #2- I am witnessing to a person that thinks the Antichrist is a leader of a military movement. After reading

your many articles and studying the Bible, I have concluded with the same as you have presented. People are being duped by a popular theory about some Antichrist that is focused on the Jews and not the Christians. If they would only understand that Jesus Christ started the Christian movement and Satan is using the Antichrist to undo the Christian movement, they would not be duped. Therefore, what are some good verses to share to put doubt in this matter?

ANSWER #2- 1 John 2:18-23, 1 John 4:1-6, and 2 John 1:5-9 are really good verses bringing out the focus that the Antichrist is working against the teachings of Jesus Christ. Focus on the war between truth and error, truth and lies, and doctrines of Christ instead of Antichrist. The last ones specifically points to the Christians being the focus of Antichrist. There is only one body of believers that have the doctrines of Jesus Christ – Christians. It is a war of belief and not a war of weapons. Then bring them around to understand that everyone is sus-

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