

**IN SEARCH OF SPIRITUAL TREASURE
LESSON #1
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I. THREE REASONS TO STUDY DOCTRINE.

A. OUR DUTY TO _____ AND _____ THE REVELATION GOD HAS GIVEN US.

- 1. THE BIBLE IS THE REVELATION OF GOD THAT DEMANDS A RESPONSE.**
- 2. JOHN 5:39 “YOU SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES, FOR IN THEM YOU THINK YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE; AND THEY ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME.”**

**B. THE DEVELOPMENT OF _____
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- 1. “THE CHRISTIAN MUST ORGANIZE HIS THEOLOGY SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE STRONGEST CHRISTIAN CHARACTER.” ELMER TOWNS.**
- 2. II TIMOTHY 3:16 “ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, REPROOF, CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.”**

C. CHRISTIAN _____.

- 1. DOCTRINE IS NOT MERELY FOR KNOWLEDGE SAKE, NOR IS IT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEBATE.**
- 2. A CORRECT STUDY OF DOCTRINE WILL EMPOWER CHRISTIAN SERVICE.**

II. WHAT IS REQUIRED WHEN STUDYING DOCTRINE?

A. _____.

- 1. DEUTERONOMY 29:29 “THE SECRET THINGS BELONG TO THE LORD OUR GOD, BUT THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE REVEALED BELONG TO US AND TO OUR**

CHILDREN FOREVER, THAT WE MAY DO ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LAW.”

2. **IF GOD HAD NOT REVEALED HIMSELF TO MANKIND THEOLOGY WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.**

B. _____.

III. LIMITATIONS THAT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD WHEN STUDYING DOCTRINAL TRUTH.

A. _____.

1. **ISAIAH 55: 8, 9 “FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NOR ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAYS THE LORD. FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.”**
2. **WE ARE LIMITED BY OUR HUMANITY.**

B. _____.

1. **REVELATION 10: 4 “NOW WHEN THE SEVEN THUNDERS UTTERED THEIR VOICES, I WAS ABOUT TO WRITE; BUT I HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAYING TO ME, SEAL UP THE THINGS WHICH THE SEVEN THUNDERS UTTERED, AND DO NOT WRITE THEM.**
2. **“A TOTAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE INFINITE IS LIMITED BY FINITE WORDS.”**

C. **THE _____ OF _____.**

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