\*TEST ALL THINGS!\*

The bible says:

\*"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world".\*

1 John 4:1.

The \*sad truth\* in the Christendom today is that the bible is gradually being displaced as \*the authentic manual of the affairs of mankind.\*

The Church of God is presently tolerating glaring decadence and much laxity; to the extent that people are no longer interest in studying the bible any more.

Apparently, our Lord Jesus Christ and some of His disciples have foretold the present state of the Church of God:

 \*"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions".\*

2 Tim 4:3.

Without doubt, the time Apostle Paul referred to in the above scripture is now; for the practice in this era is for people to rely on the words of their "pastors", "notable men and women of God" as the "authority" for every issue of life.

Fellow believers:

 \*Do not believe everything you hear; for there are always three sides to every story: yours, theirs and the truth.\*

Our Lord Jesus Christ erased every doubt as to where the truth lies, when He said:

\*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me".\*

John 14:6

In otherwords, reliance on the words of certain "influential people" as a way of finding answers to issues or giving credence for one's actions and words could be very misleading; unless the words of such people are verifiable in the word of God.

The bible made reference to the Bereans: who were like models of right-minded Christian followers. \*Acts 17:10&11\*:

Though they were very zealous to hear the preaching of Apostle Paul, they tested everything said by Apostle Paul to see if they align with the Scriptures and then submitted themselves to following such.

Unfortunately, the practice now is: when a man is desperate to justify or give credence to his actions and words, he will do everything to look for influential people in the society who hold similar opinions to his own, to underpin his ideas.

Jesus Christ said:

\*"Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit?".\*

Luke 6:39.

There is no substitute to the word of God as the constitution or dictionary for

every Christian:

 \*"As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is tried;"\*

Psalm 18:30.

Every practice and doctrine that does not have validity in the word of God is questionable and unreliable.

That's why Apostle Paul bible wrote:

 \*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".\*

2 Tim 2:15.

 \*The answer is; "looking unto Jesus..":\* \*Hebrews 12:2\*

I beseech you:

 \*"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God".\*

Romans 12:2.

Many so called "leaders" have misled so many people; while many have been kept in perpetual bondage with false teachings.

The fact that an opinion has held sway for many years does not in anyway gives approval or veracity to what it represent.

 \*"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ".\* Col 2:8

 \*"Be warned, Ignorance of the word is no excuse".\* The erroneous slogan:

 \*"Because my pastor told me so"\* ;will not be accepted as an excuse when you shall stand before God to give account of your life.

Everyone will give his or her own account individually, that including your pastor.

 \*Prayer\*:Father, in anyway I have been misled by false doctrines in the past; help me to discern your truth.🙏🏼

In conclusion, Apostle Paul advises:

" \*Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith"\*

2 Cor 13:5.

Should you fail to meet the test, \*repent now\* and allow the word of God to take firm root in your life.

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