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The Proper Attitude Toward the Bible

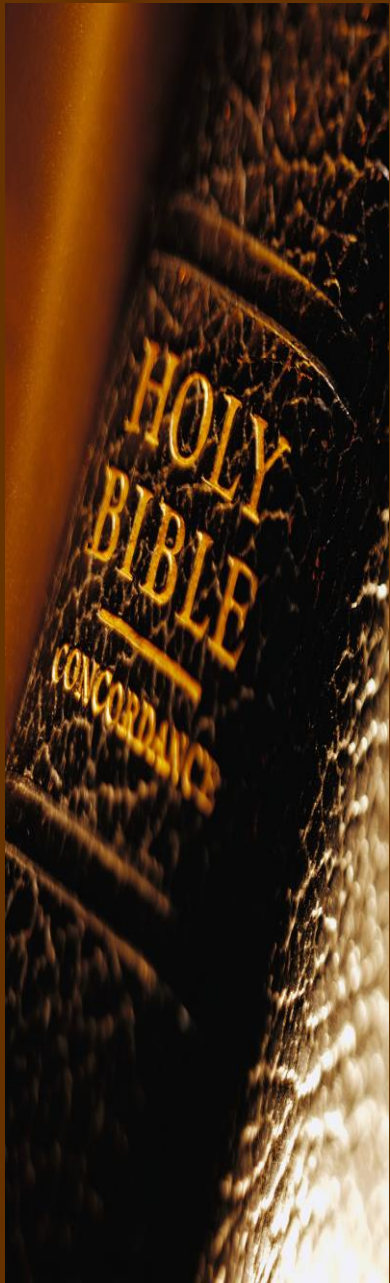
Galatians 1:6-10

Matthew 7:21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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- **Jesus has ALL authority**
 - Matthew 28:18
- **Scriptural authority established**
 - Direct command
 - Acts 10:48
 - Approved Apostolic example
 - Acts 20:7
 - Necessary Inference
 - Hebrews 10:25

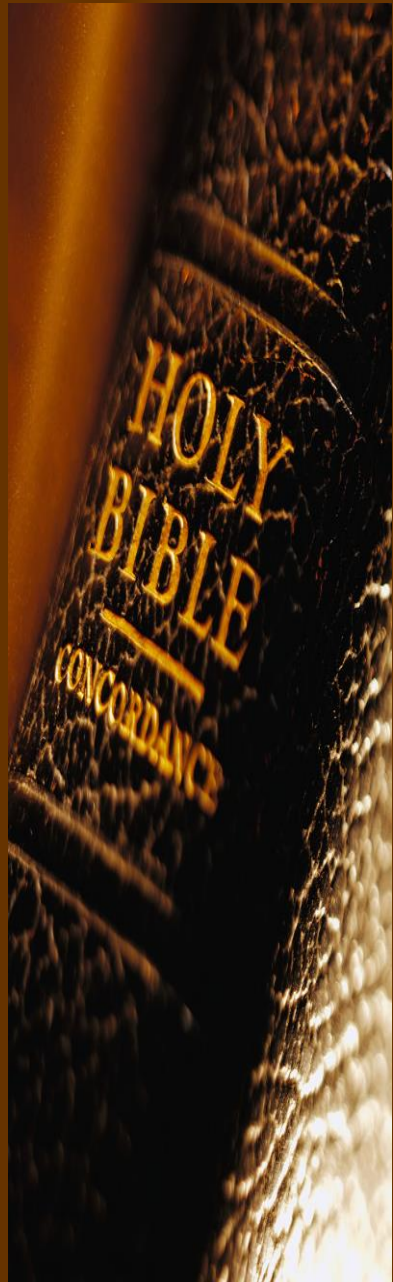


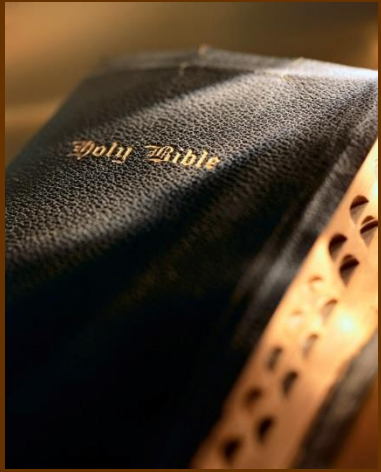
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- **Establishing authority** (Lord's Supper)
 - Direct command
 - 1 Corinthians 11:23-24
 - Approved Apostolic example
 - Acts 20:7
 - Necessary Inference
 - Exodus 20:8-11

Expediency

in order for something to be expedient,
it must first be authorized (lawful)



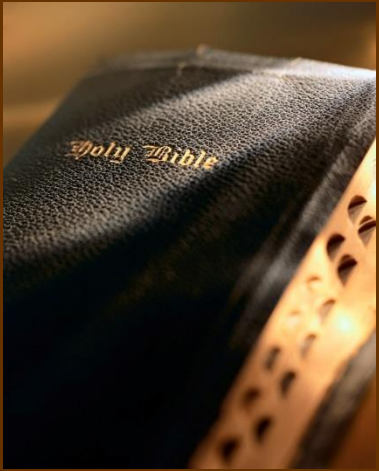


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Personal Desire and Taste

- Many do what they want in religion
- Israelites guilty of that years ago
 - Judges 21:25
- People cannot please God by doing what they want to do and like to do
 - Jeremiah 10:23
 - Isaiah 55:7-9

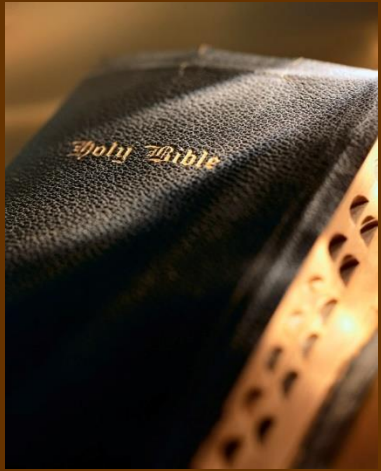
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Tradition

- **Most religious traditions have no basis in the New Testament**
- **What Jesus says:**
 - Mark 7:1-13

Religious holidays
Tithing
Burning incense
Sprinkling or pouring water
Baptizing babies
Religious titles
Mechanical Instruments
Prayers offered for the dead
Wearing of special clothing
Customs of religious holidays

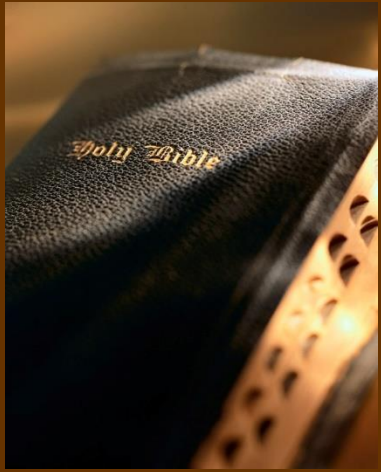


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Conscience

- Many let their “conscience be their guide”
- Apostle Paul:
 - Acts 23:1; 24:16; Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-2; 26:9-11
- People believe error “in good conscience”
 - Matthew 7:15-23; 15:9

Our conscience is only as good as what it has been taught



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Parents and Human Leadership

- **Parents:**

- Most people have an inherited religion. They know little or nothing of God's Word

- **Human Leadership**

- Blindly following men has caused many to fall into the pit
 - Matthew 15:13-14

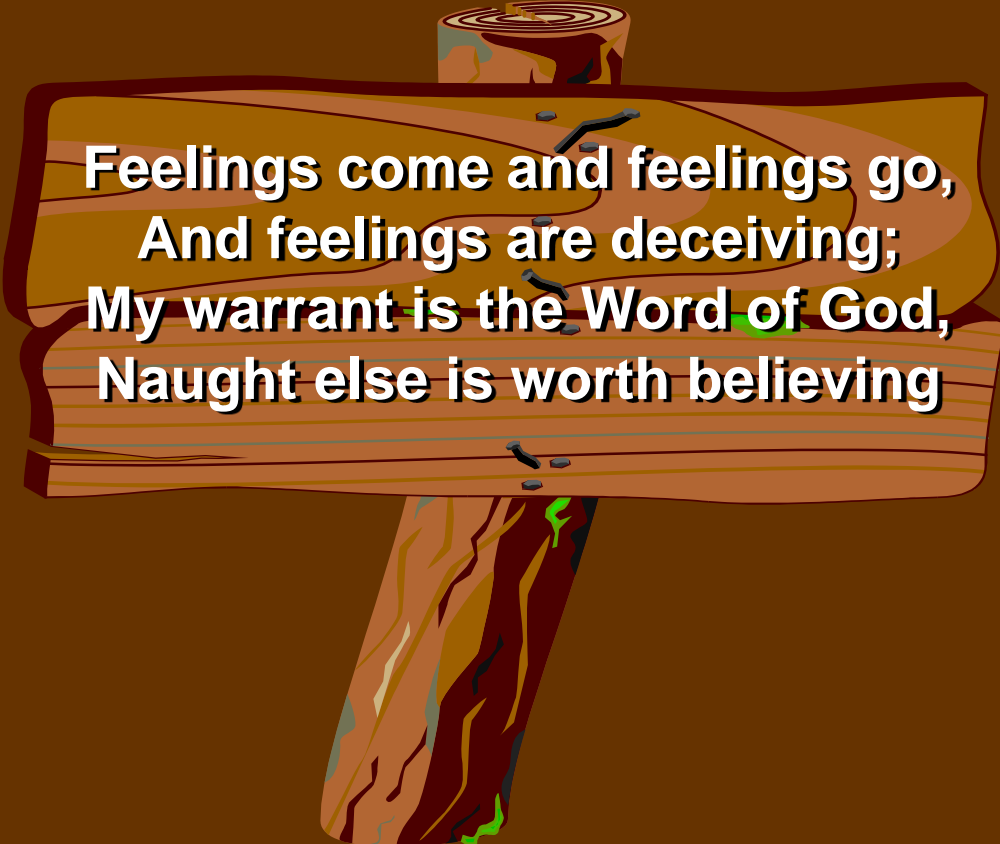
Leadership in the local church should be determined by spirituality – not notoriety



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Feelings and Thoughts

- **Example of Naaman:**
 - 2 Kings 5:10-12
- **The Apostle Paul:**
 - Acts 26:9



Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God,
Naught else is worth believing



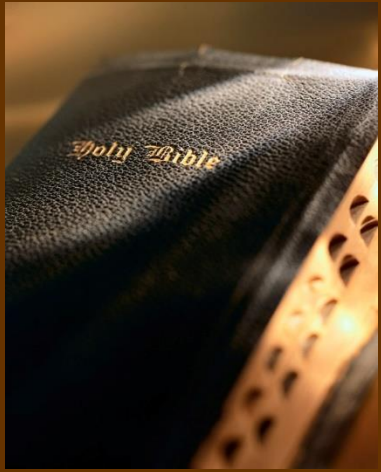
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Religious Counsels

- Many want to put religious authority into the hands of men
 - Jesus said that He has ALL authority
 - Matthew 28:18

“The thoughts of the righteous are right, But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful”

Proverbs 12:5



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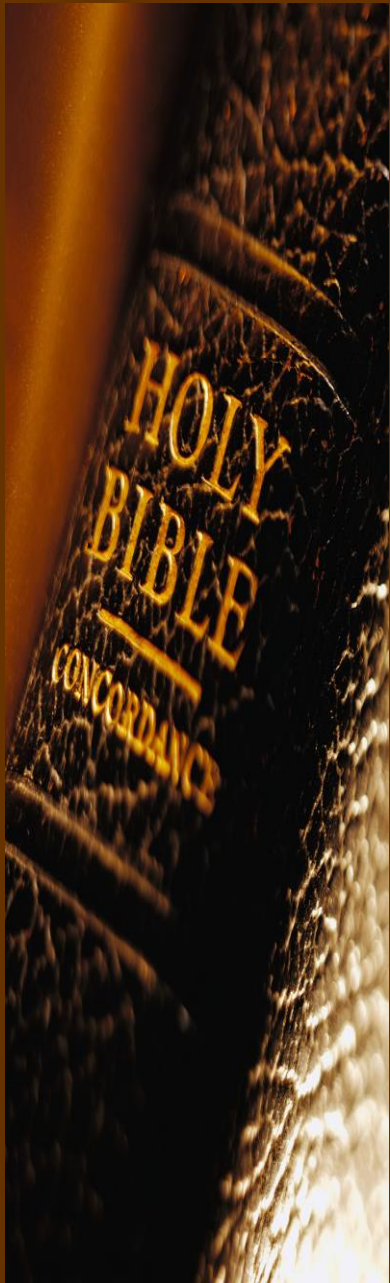
The Majority

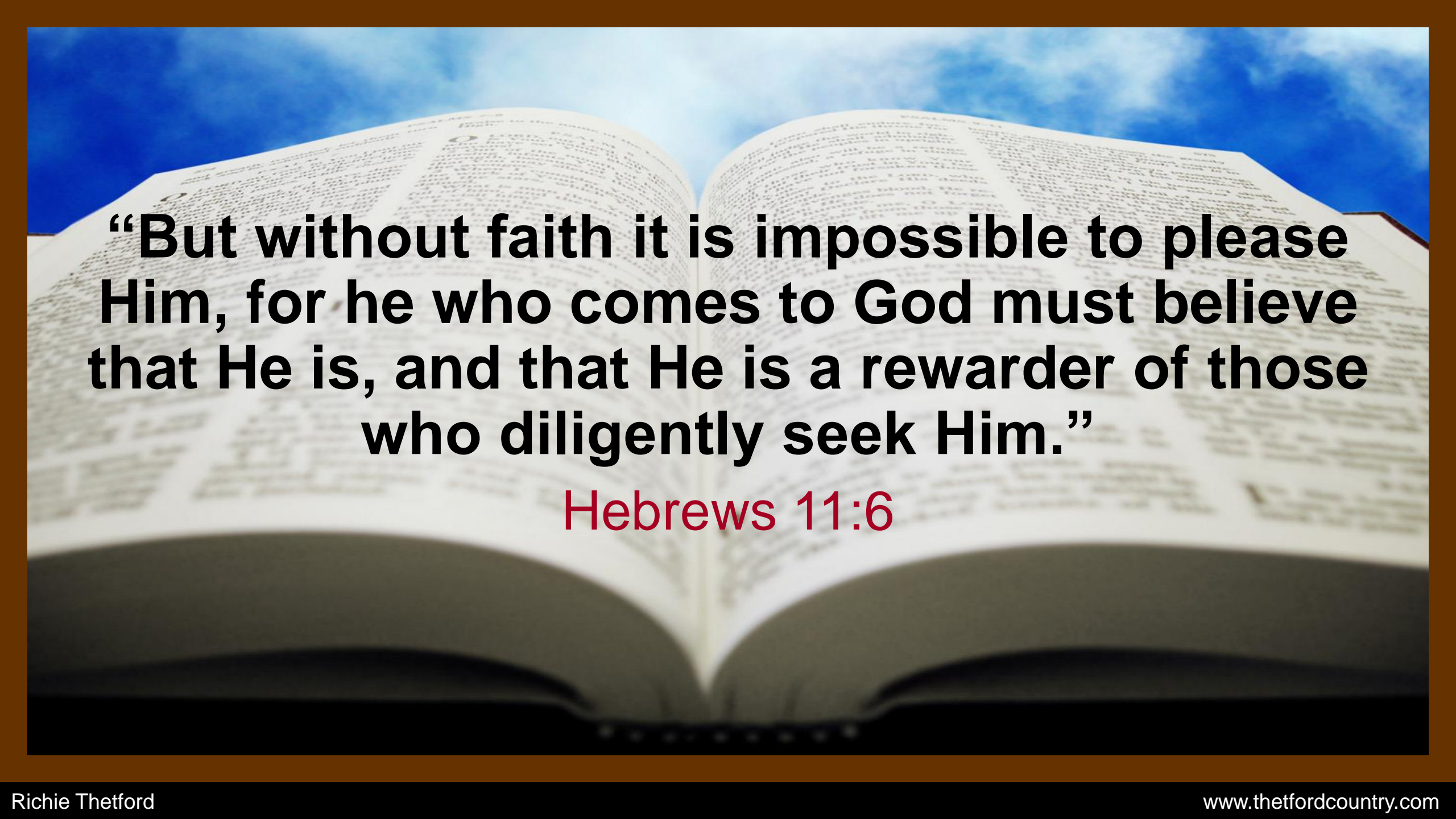
- **Most people can't believe that the majority of religious people can be wrong**
 - Jesus taught that the majority are going by the way of destruction
 - "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Matthew 7:13-14

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- **The Word of God is the ONLY basis of religious authority**
 - 1 Peter 4:11
 - Matthew 17:5
 - Hebrews 1:1-2
- **We can only please God when we have a desire to please Him**
 - Must allow Him to tell us what we must do and then respond to His Word!



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“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6