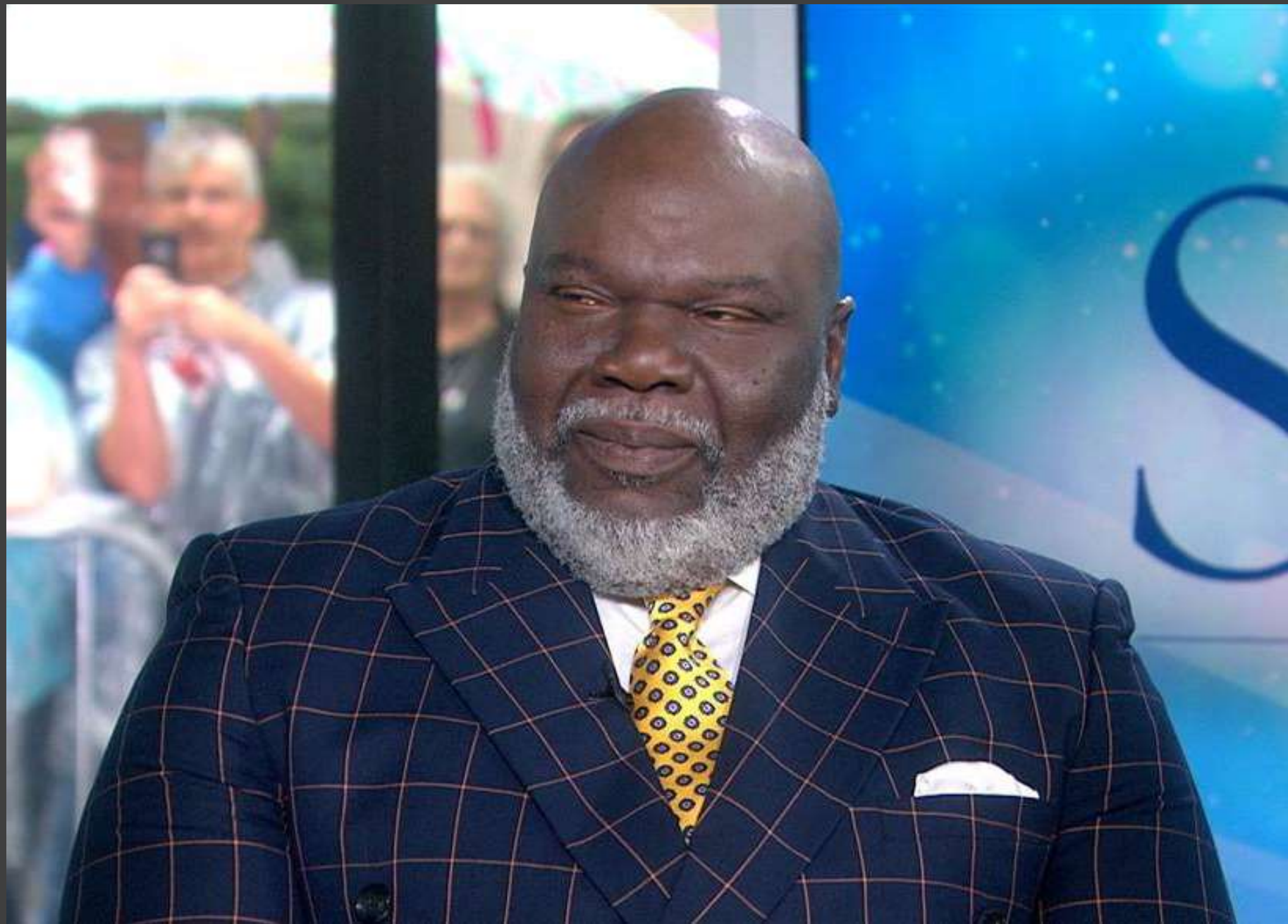


THE TESTS OF SOUND AND FALSE DOCTRINE

- **Jude 1:3 (NASB)** *3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.*
- **Jude 1:3 (LBLA)** *3 Amados, por el gran empeño que tenía en escribiros acerca de nuestra común salvación, he sentido la necesidad de escribiros exhortándoos a contender ardientemente por la fe que de una vez para siempre fue entregada a los santos.*

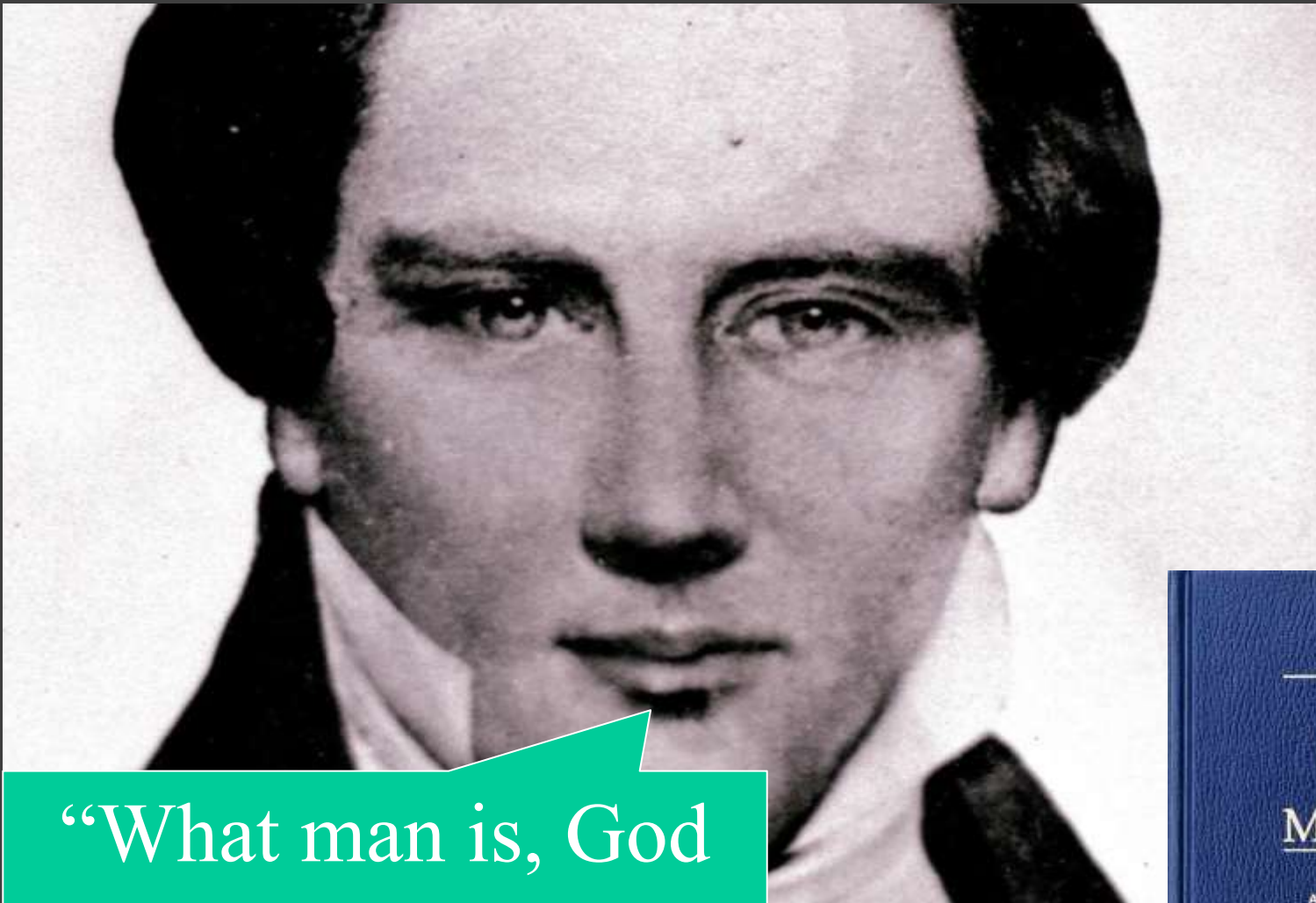
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NASB) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (LBLA) Porque vendrá tiempo cuando no soportarán la sana doctrina, sino que teniendo comezón de oídos, acumularán para sí maestros conforme a sus propios deseos; 4 y apartarán sus oídos de la verdad, y se volverán a mitos.



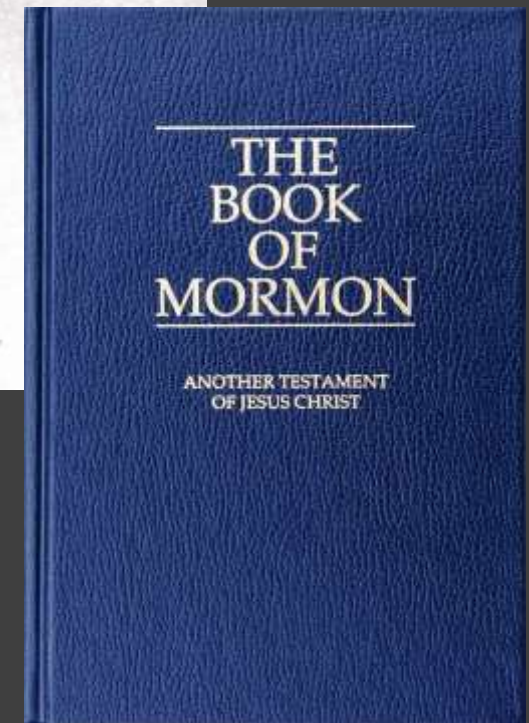


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“What man is, God
once was.
What God is, man
shall become.”



It is for that reason John tells us
to “*test the spirits*” 1 John 4:1

and

Paul says, “*test everything*”
1 Thessalonians 5:21.

**But how can we distinguish
sound doctrine from false?**

Content	True	False
Origin	Creator	Creation
Authority	Biblical	Unbiblical
Consistency	Familiar	Unfamiliar
Quality	Sound	Unsound
Benefit	Healthy	Unhealthy
Value	Profitable	Unprofitable
The Christian's Responsibility	Accept ✓	Reject ✗

I) THE TEST OF ORIGIN

1) Galatians 1:11-12 (NASB) ¹¹ For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but *I received it* through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

a) Galatians 1:11-12 (LBLA) ¹¹ Pues quiero que sepáis, hermanos, que el evangelio que fue anunciado por mí no es según el hombre. ¹² Pues ni lo recibí de hombre, ni me fue enseñado, sino *que lo recibí* por medio de una revelación de Jesucristo.

- 1) John 7:16 (NLT2) 16 So Jesus told them, “My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me.
 - a) “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me” (John 7:16).
- b) John 7:16 (LBLA) 16 Jesús entonces les respondió y dijo: Mi enseñanza no es mía, sino del que me envió.

**Titus 1:2 – *It is impossible
for God to lie.***

- **1 Timothy 4:1 (NASB)** But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
- **1 Timothy 4:1 (LBLA)** ¹ Pero el Espíritu dice claramente que en los últimos tiempos algunos apostatarán de la fe, prestando atención a espíritus engañadores y a doctrinas de demonios,

Colossians 2:22 Paul warned the Colossian church to avoid doctrine that is *“according to human precepts and teachings”*.

In 1 Timothy 4:1 we just read that some would *“depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons”*.

God is the Father of truth and Satan is the father of lies.

- i) John 8:44 (NASB) "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- ii) John 8:44 (LBLA) 44 Sois de vuestro padre el diablo y queréis hacer los deseos de vuestro padre. Él fue un homicida desde el principio, y no se ha mantenido en la verdad porque no hay verdad en él. Cuando habla mentira, habla de su propia naturaleza, porque es mentiroso y el padre de la mentira.

II) The Test of Authority

- The Bible is God's **inerrant, infallible, sufficient, complete, and authoritative** revelation of himself to humanity.

- i) Acts 17:11 (NASB) Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.
- ii) Acts 17:11 (LBLA) 11 Estos eran más nobles que los de Tesalónica, pues recibieron la palabra con toda solícitud, escudriñando diariamente las Escrituras, para ver si estas cosas eran así.

- 1) 1 Thessalonians 2:13 *“And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers”*.
- a) 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (LBLA) *13 Por esto también nosotros sin cesar damos gracias a Dios de que cuando recibisteis de nosotros la palabra del mensaje de Dios, la aceptasteis no como la palabra de hombres, sino como lo que realmente es, la palabra de Dios, la cual también hace su obra en vosotros los que creéis.*

III) THE TEST OF CONSISTENCY

1) **1 Corinthians 15:29 (NASB)**

²⁹ Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?

a) 1 Corinthians 15:29 (LBLA) ²⁹ De no ser así, ¿qué harán los que se bautizan por los muertos? Si de ninguna manera los muertos resucitan, ¿por qué, entonces, se bautizan por ellos?

The dictionary defines the word “proxy” as “a person who is authorized to act on behalf of another.” A “proxy baptism” (also referred to as a vicarious baptism or baptism for the dead) is then defined as “the religious practice of baptizing a living person on behalf of an individual who is deceased; with the living person receiving the ordinance of baptism, for the deceased person.”

Hebrews 9:27 – It is appointed unto man once to die and after this comes the judgment.

2 Corinthians 5:10 – “...the deeds that we have done in the body whether good or bad.”

- Hebrews 13:9 (NIV2011) *9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so.*
- Hebrews 13:9 (LBLA) *No os dejéis llevar por doctrinas diversas y extrañas, porque buena cosa es para el corazón el ser fortalecido con la gracia, no con alimentos, de los que no recibieron beneficio los que de ellos se ocupaban.*

- 1) 1 Timothy 1:3 (NASB) **3** *As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines,*
 - a) 1 Timothy 1:3 (LBLA) **3** *Como te rogué al partir para Macedonia que te quedaras en Efeso para que instruyeras a algunos que no enseñaran doctrinas extrañas,*

- 2) 1 Timothy 6:3-4 (NASB) **3** *If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, 4 he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,*

- 3) 1 Timothy 6:3-4 (LBLA) **3** *Si alguno enseña una doctrina diferente y no se conforma a las sanas palabras, las de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y a la doctrina que es conforme a la piedad, 4 está envanecido y nada entiende, sino que tiene un interés morboso en discusiones y contiendas de palabras, de las cuales nacen envidias, pleitos, blasfemias, malas sospechas,*

We must allow “Scripture to interpret Scripture.”

IV) THE TEST OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- **Sound doctrine is beneficial for spiritual health; false doctrine leads to spiritual weakness.**
- ***1 Timothy 4:6 “If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained [“nourished”] in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed”.***
 - ***1 Timothy 4:6 (LBLA) 6 Al señalar estas cosas a los hermanos serás un buen ministro de Cristo Jesús, nutrido con las palabras de la fe y de la buena doctrina que has seguido.***

This is why Paul called him a
“man of God”

with *“sincere faith”*

(1 Timothy 6:11, 2 Timothy
1:5).

**Sound doctrine makes
spiritually healthy, mature,
knowledgeable Christians.**

**False doctrine makes
spiritually unhealthy,
immature, ignorant
Christians WHO MAY NOT
BE CHRISTIANS AT ALL.**

V) THE TEST OF GODLY LIVING

- 1) *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work”* (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- a) 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (LBLA) 16 *Toda Escritura es inspirada por Dios y útil para enseñar, para reprender, para corregir, para instruir en justicia, 17 a fin de que el hombre de Dios sea perfecto, equipado para toda buena obra.*

- 1) Titus 3:8 -(NASB) *This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.*
- a) Titus 3:8 (LBLA) *8 Palabra fiel es ésta, y en cuanto a estas cosas quiero que hables con firmeza, para que los que han creído en Dios procuren ocuparse en buenas obras. Estas cosas son buenas y útiles para los hombres.*

Titus 2:1 (NASB) 1 But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

Titus 2:1 (LBLA) 1 Pero en cuanto a ti, enseña lo que está de acuerdo con la sana doctrina.

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• 2 John 1:8-11 (LBLA) **8** *Tened cuidado para que no perdáis lo que hemos logrado, sino que recibáis abundante recompensa. 9* *Todo el que se desvía y no permanece en la enseñanza de Cristo, no tiene a Dios; el que permanece en la enseñanza tiene tanto al Padre como al Hijo. 10* *Si alguno viene a vosotros y no trae esta enseñanza, no lo recibáis en casa, ni lo saludéis, 11* *pues el que lo saluda participa en sus malas obras.*

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