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Sensitive: The Power of Discernment How Mature Are You? Apostle Tony Wade

We (believers) cannot afford to lose our relationship with Holy Spirit for the sake of inclusion. As believers, we are to contend for the Faith that has been given to us through Christ Jesus. We are saved by grace and not by our works. We don't work to get saved, but we do work after we receive salvation. We work out our soul salvation with trembling and fear. We work to renew our minds. We work to align our will with God's will for our life. We have a new Spirit, but it's housed in an unrenewed body (mind). We must meditate on God's word to become a new creation. As we meditate the word and apply truth to our life, scales are removed from our eyes and we build our relationship with God, and we become mature believers. The more we mediate and apply the Word, the less likely we will be deceived or accept societal norms. The Bible is the absolute truth! Holy men wrote the Bible as they were moved by God. It wasn't their thoughts. It was dictated by God. God said what He said and He said it with His chest.

Jude 1:3 – 4

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.⁴ For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

- ⇒ When the prophets spoke God's word they were challenged, because the truth opposed what the culture said.
- ⇒ The inclusion gospel and grace gospel contradict God's word. Twisted scripture is not truth. We are to study God's word for ourself.
 - o Are you intentional with your study time of God's word?
 - o Do you rightly divide the word to know if there is deception or if the scripture has been twisted?

- o How do you contend for the faith in your metron (sphere of influence)?

Ephesians 4:8 – 16

Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."⁹ (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

- ⇒ The five fold ministry gifts are not titles. They are functions to help equip the saints. If an individual doesn't function in the role, the title has no validity.
- ⇒ When the five fold does its job, the body of Christ is built up and matures.
- ⇒ Social media has the potential to cause harm to the Body of Christ, because of the lack of accountability. It doesn't mean you're right because you have a large following. We (five fold) should teach from the same doctrine, but when there is no accountability wrong doctrine can be taught. Different doctrines come from deception.
- ⇒ As teachers of the Word, we are to give an account for every word we teach. We are to teach the Word to help believers mature in the faith.
- ⇒ Maturity and growth are demonstrated by applying the word.

