

LEADERSHIP TRAINING 06 - STANDARDS

2 CORINTHIANS 10:7-18

Everyone has standards. We decide our standards either hastily outside of learning or deliberately with great consideration.

I. PRINCIPLED STANDARDS

- A. Three categories of Biblical Standards exist
 - 1. Precept: The prescribed (written) explicit rule
 - 2. Principle: A direct application or implicit rule
 - 3. Preference: A matter left to complete choice
- B. Doctrinal example of precept and principle
 - 1. The Bible clearly explains the lust of the eye
 - a. Men must decide in the heart (JOB 31:1)
 - b. All must deny lust of the eyes (1 JOHN 2:16)
 - 2. Photographs had not been invented 2000 years ago
- C. Thinking of others first before "liberty" ROM. 14:5-7
 - 1. Protect the "weaker" brother ROM.14:13-22
 - 2. Sooner or later, the "weaker" may be ourselves.

II. BIBLE STANDARDS

- A. We use the KJV - God's blessed English translation
 - 1. Alexandria vs. Antioch Test Streams
 - 2. Wescott & Hort vs. Hundreds of lifelong scholars
- B. Precept - His Word is PRESERVED - ISA. 40:8
 - 1. Principle - we want a translation in our tongue
 - 2. Principle - only one needed (1 COR. 14:33)
 - 3. Preference - Black, ironed calfskin, red-letter

III. MODESTY STANDARDS

- A. Men and Women should be modest (GEN. 9:20-23)
 - 1. Biblically: cap of the shoulder to end of thigh
 - 2. As demonstrated by the priestly garments
- B. Men struggle more in that area - Ladies please help!

IV. ENTERTAINMENT STANDARDS

- A. God has music / World has music - which is which?
 - 1. Music has power and Satan knows it (DAN. 3:5-6)
 - 2. Hymns have doctrine not vain repetition
- B. Entertainment can sear our conscience 1 TIM. 4:1-2

CONCLUSION: Draw your standards from the Bible. Stand fast!

JOB 31:1 - "I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?"

1 JOHN 2:16 - "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 COR. 14:33 - "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

DAN. 3:5-6 - "That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: (6) And whoso falleth not down and worshipping shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace."

GEN. 9:20-23 - "And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: (21) And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. (22) And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. (23) And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness."