

Balance

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I. Balance is a necessity.

A. A man's strong point often becomes his weak point due to lack of balance.

B. If God gives us something, we should keep it in balance.

II. God is a God of balance.

A. Examples from nature.

B. The earth itself is in a delicate balance.

III. Spiritually we need to be careful not to get out of balance.

A. Be balanced in:

1. Doctrine.

2. The Word.

3. Obeying God vs. obeying men.

4. Studying truth in Scripture.

5. Works and grace.

- Ephesians 2:8-10 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
- Philippians 2:12 - Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
- Titus 3:5,8 - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

6. Discipline and love.

B. Memorize verses that contrast each other = "balance".

C. You usually find balance in Scripture.