

***Biblical-*** Relational- Accountable

Our level of spirituality will never grow beyond our deep love for and obedience to the Word of God.

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 2 Timothy 3:16*

Belief in the Scriptures as God's Holy Word is more of a spiritual matter than a practical one.

*14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14*

To claim that the Bible has not had a supernatural affect on the world we live in would be taking an unrealistic intellectual leap.

*27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27*

*...the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

In order for the Word of God to penetrate, divide, and judge our hearts and attitudes, we have to let it penetrate our ears.

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. John 3:16-18*

When God's word is clear, we have to hold to solid convictions even in the face of extreme pressure to compromise.

*6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

**Biblical authority sets the parameters for our relationships and gives us a solid base for true accountability.**