

WHAT LEADS TO TRUTH AND ERROR

What leads to sound doctrine and sound teaching:

1. You must be saved! (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 2:10, 14)
2. Belief in the Bible as it is written is absolutely essential (Acts 24:14, John 5:39, 46-47)
3. Take the Scriptures literally in all instances unless it is impossible to do so
3. Right heart (Psalm 25:12-14), no other motives
4. Ask the Lord to teach you, pray (John 14:26)
5. An Understanding what the wisdom of the Holy Ghost is
 - Compare Scripture with Scripture (1 Corinthians 2:6-7, 13, John 6:63)
6. Rightly Divide the Scripture (2 Timothy 2:15)

What leads to heresies, false doctrines, and false teaching:

1. Unbelief in the word of God (John 5:46-47; Acts 24:14, 26:27-28;)
2. Idols in your heart (Ezekiel 14, Jeremiah 5:30-31, 2 Timothy 4:3-4)
3. Failure to Rightly Divide the Word of Truth (2 Timothy 2:15)
4. Confounding the Jew, Gentile, and Church of God (1 Corinthians 10:32)
5. Adding to, taking away, or minimizing the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:5-6; Revelation 22:18-19). Examples: 2 Timothy 2:16-18, Matthew 22:23-29
6. Spiritualizing the Scriptures

Example of how to interpret the Bible:

1. Always pray first and ask God for wisdom and understanding
2. Ask yourself, who is speaking and to who is he speaking to?
3. Take note of the time period, what God has revealed up until that point in time, is it a historical/prophetic book?
4. How does this apply to me? Doctrinally, spiritually
5. Think of other similar passages or words and compare and contrast them, compare them with writings of the same time period or that are referring to a similar time period