

How To Establish Bible Authority

Exercise 1

We must have our senses “exercised” to discern the difference between good and evil (i.e. what is authorized and what is unauthorized by God in Scripture) according to Hebrews 5:10-14. In the following list, please ensure that you have Scriptures to support your current belief and the reasons why you believe something is right or wrong based on your current understanding in Scripture.

Show from the Scriptures and proper understanding of God’s Word (i.e. in the realm of Establishing Proper Bible Authority) the following:

1. It is scriptural for a local church to use money from her treasury to buy the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine for the Lord’s Supper.
2. It is scriptural for a local church to rent a place for the church to meet to worship God as a congregation.
3. It is scriptural for a local church to buy song books for the church to engage in congregational singing in worship to God.
4. It is scriptural for an individual Christian to travel by car or train or airplane, for example, to preach the gospel to the lost.
5. It is scriptural for the local church to use money from her treasury to buy tracts to teach the lost and edify members of the body of Christ.
6. It is scriptural for the local church to pay an electric company for the power used by the church when she meets for the authorized work and worship of that local church.
7. It is scriptural for an individual Christian to have a secular job to provide for the household.
8. It is scriptural for an individual Christian to sing, pray, and teach God’s Word separate and apart from the work and worship of the local church.
9. It is scriptural for an individual Christian to engage in benevolence (i.e. relief) of certain individuals (saints and non-saints).
10. It is scriptural for the local church to send money to a preacher that is not a member of her local church in support of the preaching of the gospel.