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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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Six Spiritual Be's

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There is a swarm of be's hived in the Scriptures. “Be” suggests to have or show a specified quality or characteristic. Let's uncover some spiritual be's to learn what manner of persons we ought to be (2 Peter 3:11).

Be Humble. The apostle Peter admonished early Christians to “...be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble” (1 Peter 5:5). To be humble is to be marked by meekness and lowliness. The Lord was humble (Matthew 11:28). Each of us needs to learn “...not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think...” (Romans 12:3).

Be Content. The Hebrew writer penned, “...and be content with such things as ye have...” (Hebrews 13:5). Being satisfied with what we have would solve a lot of our financial problems today. This is something we just must learn as Paul stated, “I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” (Philippians 4:11).

Be Sober. 1 Thessalonians 5:6 records, “Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.” Again it is written, “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober...” (1 Peter 1:13). Being sober refers to the quality of being calm, even tempered, cautious, circumspect, and wise in the full use of mind and body under all

circumstances to the point that good sense is shown in judgment, reason, and understanding.

Be Patient. James taught, “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient...” (James 5:7-8). All of us could stand to add some patience to our lives (2 Peter 1:5-6). Perhaps, it would do us some good to do a little farming sometime to learn to be more patient.

Be Faithful. The Lord has promised, “...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). It is important that after one becomes a Christian that he be found faithful in all things. To be faithful is to be “...stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Be Strong. Paul told the Ephesians, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might” (Ephesians 6:10). We can only be strong in the Lord! Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:13). We invite you to enter the Lord by being baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27) so that you can be spiritually strong!

What We Must Not Do with Truth

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Just as there are things we must do with truth, there are some things we must not do with truth.

Sell It. Proverbs 23:23 says, “Buy the truth, and sell it not...” Once we have the truth, we must hold on to it. Some folks sell the truth for just a little bit of nothing! The truth is so valuable that we cannot afford to let go of it!

Change It. Paul spoke of some “Who changed the truth of God into a lie...” (Romans 1:25). There are lots of warnings in the word of God against changing the truth. One such warning is when Moses commanded, “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it...” (Deuteronomy 4:2). We must never tamper with God’s word, but just accept it as it is!

Turn Our Ears Away from It. Paul informed Timothy, “And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:4). We live in a time when some folks would rather hear something false than hear the truth. It’s like the Lord’s people in the days of Isaiah: “Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy

not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits” (Isaiah 30:10). Gospel preachers must not cater to such demands, but just tell it like it is (2 Timothy 4:2).

Resist It. 2 Timothy 3:8 records, “Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.” There are some today who withstand and fight against the truth. We must not have fellowship with such (2 Timothy 3:5). Instead of resisting the truth, we must uphold it (1 Timothy 3:15) and contend for it (Jude 3).

Lie Against it. James simply said, “...lie not against the truth” (James 3:14). All lies are against the truth. John taught, “...that no lie is of the truth” (1 John 2:21). The Bible condemns all lying (Revelation 21:27; 22:15). Paul penned, “Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth...” (Ephesians 4:25).

Err Concerning It. To “err” is to go astray. Remember Hymenaeus and Philetus, “Who concerning the truth erred...” (2 Timothy 2:17-18)? “Do not err my beloved brethren” (James 1:16).

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