

*“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any **private interpretation.**” (2 Peter 1:20)*

Attempts to advance false doctrines are often couched in pseudo-intellectualism. Frequently, a passage of Scripture will be referenced, and those that proclaim the unsound teachings may say something like:

“Well, God did not mean that...” Followed by their interpretation of what they want you to believe.

Typically, if the text’s meaning is readily understood, it is an errant approach to force it to say something contradictory to the straightforward understanding.

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## Win With The Word

*“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend** for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 1:3)*

We are called to **contend** for the faith, the truth of God’s Word. By definition, this contending involves a struggle. We may view it as a sports analogy or Biblically in terms of a battle. In any case, our **goal** is

to win!

The way to victory is via the Word of God! The method of success is abundantly evident in the armor of God.

*“And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**” (Ephesians 6:17)*

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## Conclusion:

If we are to succeed in avoiding deception, we are in desperate need of the Scriptures.

Study and practice wearing God’s whole armor and do spiritual warfare with His Word, the sword of the Spirit.

Even Satan quotes the Bible... **SO WHAT!** Quote it more than him, and more accurately than him. Don’t stop!

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“And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for **it is written**, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.” (Matthew 4:6)

“Jesus said unto him, **It is written again**, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” (Matthew 4:7)

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## The “Satan Quotes Scripture” Excuse

Often when Christians disagree over some doctrine, the debate can become

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animated. What happens at times is one party will quote passages from the Bible to uphold and support their beliefs.

Sadly, these quotes may be challenged with a statement something like this:

“Well, even Satan quotes the Bible.”

It is indeed pitiful to think that Satan’s Scripture quotes are used to attempt to invalidate the Word of God.

Typically, using the fact that the devil occasionally quotes the Bible to defend one’s own opinions is a diversionary tactic. This method is employed because the individual has no clear passages to offer in defense of their interpretations.

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### Jesus Quotes Scripture Far More Often

Is it reasonable to stop defending one’s doctrines with direct Bible quotes, simply because Satan also quotes the Word of God?

There are a few instances when Satan quotes God’s Word. Other times he twists and perverts God’s Words to suit his agenda.

Consider the fact that Jesus directly quotes

the Scriptures often. Three times Jesus speaks the Scriptures when tempted by the devil in the wilderness.

In the New Testament, the phrase “it is written” appears more than 60 times. More than 25 of these references are in the Gospels, and many are from Jesus Himself.

It is a false and dangerous notion to dismiss Bible passages simply because the devil quotes the Word.

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### Sound Doctrine

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:” (2 Timothy 3:16)*

*“But speak thou the things which become **sound doctrine**:” (Titus 2:1)*

*“For the time will come when they will not endure **sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;” (2 Timothy 4:3)*

Sound doctrine is vitally important to the life of the believer. As seen in the verses above:

- The Word of God is Critical for solid teaching

- The Word of God is sound doctrine that is to be spoken and taught to others
- The Word of God is truth that will be rejected and not endured

It is a flawed concept to avoid the Bible when forming, refining, and defending substantive Christian teachings.

We are warned in 2 Timothy 4:3 (above) that a time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. One sure-fire method to fall for false doctrines is not to search the Scriptures to validate Truth.

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### Defend Your Doctrine Biblically

The time has come where many do not endure sound doctrine. We must support the truth of God’s Word with clear and consistent Scriptures. Sadly, most adherents to false teachings will add their opinions and personal commentary to the Bible to make it say what they want it to say.

Be sure that your beliefs are fully upheld by directly quoted verses from the Word of God.

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### Private Interpretations