

SPIRITUAL WARRIOR WORKSHOP – Lesson 2

Conviction: Making a Godly Stand

Key Questions:

1. WHAT IS CONVICTION? AND WHY DO YOU NEED IT?
2. CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME WHEN THE CASUAL COMMENT SHOOK YOUR FAITH, OR EVEN TOOK YOU OUT (MADE YOU DOUBT YOUR BELIEF)? TELL ABOUT IT.
3. WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR PERSONAL CONVICTIONS? LIST SEVERAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE MOST IMPORTANT.
4. ARE THERE TIMES WHEN CONVICTIONS CAN BE SET ASIDE? FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT IS WRONG WITH SAYING, “CHURCH IS FOR YHWH, BUT THE GOLF COURSE IS TIME TO HAVE FUN WITH THE BOYS?”

Going Deeper

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READ ISAIAH 7:9(B) AND REVELATION 3:15-16.

1. HOW DO THESE PASSAGES CHANGE THE WAY WE LIVE OUT OUR FAITH?

2. IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE, IDENTIFY YOUR TRUE CONVICTIONS (BY WHAT YOU CAN GIVE A BIBLICAL ANSWER FOR – AND FROM WHICH YOU CANNOT BE SHAKEN, EVEN IF YOU STAND ALONE). ALSO, IDENTIFY AREAS THAT AREN'T CONVICTION, BUT SHOULD BE. CHECK THE CORRECT BOXES – BE HONEST.

TOPIC OR ISSUE AREA	REASON YOU DO THIS
<p>Why do I keep the 7th Day Sabbath and the Annual Sabbaths?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> CONVICTION - "Because the Bible says to, <u>and I can prove it from Scripture</u>. I desire to please YAH and I am convicted that keeping the Sabbaths is part of pleasing Him."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TRADITION - "Because I was taught to do it, but I honestly couldn't give an answer from Scripture if someone asked me."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PEER PRESSURE - "Because I'm in a church group that keeps them, and I go with the flow."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER - _____</p>
<p>Why do I keep the <i>Torah</i>?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> CONVICTION - "Because the Bible says to, <u>and I can prove it from Scripture</u>. I desire to please YAH and I am convicted that keeping the Torah is part of pleasing Him."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TRADITION - "Because I was taught to do it, but I honestly couldn't give an answer from Scripture if someone asked me."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PEER PRESSURE - "Because I'm in a church group that keeps it, and I go with the flow."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER - _____</p>

3. ARE THERE THINGS YOU THOUGHT WERE CONVICTIONS THAT NOW SHOW UP TO NOT BE? IF SO, BEFORE YOU CONTINUE THE TABLE ON THE NEXT PAGE, ANSWER THIS: PRAYERFULLY, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU SHOULD DO ABOUT IT?

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<p>Why do I choose not to keep Christmas, Easter, Halloween, etc.?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> CONVICTION - "Because the Bible says to, <u>and I can prove it from Scripture</u>. I desire to please YAH and I am convicted that this is part of pleasing Him."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TRADITION - "Because I was taught not to do it, but I honestly couldn't give an answer from Scripture if someone asked me."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PEER PRESSURE - "Because I'm in a church group that doesn't keep them, and I go with the flow."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER - _____</p>
<p>Why do I abstain from immoral practices like fornication and adultery?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> CONVICTION - "Because the Bible says to, <u>and I can prove it from Scripture</u>. I desire to please YAH and I am convicted that moral purity is part of pleasing Him."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TRADITION - "Because I was taught not to do it, but I honestly couldn't give an answer from Scripture if someone asked me."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PEER PRESSURE - "Because I'm in a church group that frowns upon it, and I want to be accepted and well thought of."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER - _____</p>
<p>Why do I choose music and entertainment that are conservative "Christian" and avoid music and entertainment that aren't?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> CONVICTION - "Because the Bible says to, <u>and I can prove it from Scripture</u>. I desire to please YAH and I am convicted that this is part of pleasing Him."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TRADITION - "Because I was taught to do it, but I honestly couldn't give an answer from Scripture if someone asked me."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PEER PRESSURE - "Because I'm in a church group that frowns upon it, and I want to be accepted and well thought of."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER - _____</p>

4. ARE THERE OTHER BELIEFS WHICH YOU HOLD, WHICH MAY NOT STAND AS CONVICTIONS WHEN TESTED BY THE "CASUAL COMMENT?" (IF SO, WHAT?)

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A Plan of Action

IN ORDER FOR A BELIEF TO BECOME A CONVICTION, YOU MUST PERSONALLY KNOW WHY YOU DO WHAT YOU DO... MAKE A PLAN OF ACTION TO TURN YOUR BELIEFS INTO CONVICTIONS BY USING THE TABLE BELOW:

BELIEF WHICH <u>I</u> CANNOT PROVE SCRIPTURALLY	SCRIPTURES TO START STUDYING ON THIS SUBJECT	ADDITIONAL INFO/RESOURCES I WILL NEED