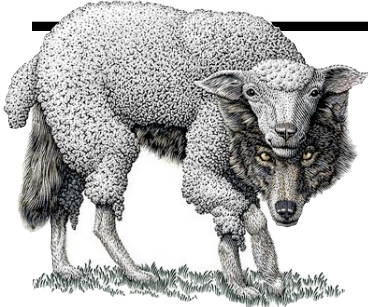


# Points To Ponder



**What They Don't Know Won't Hurt Them?**

## A Command Written To The Church Member

**Second Thessalonians 3:6** says, "Now we command you, *brethren*, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

How are the "brethren" going to withdraw from the disorderly, if they don't know who they are?

## "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

Church members need to know the truth about the apostasy that is flooding our fundamental independent Baptist movement and pastors are commanded to expose all who are promoting it.

## Jesus publicly rebuked one of His leaders.

He publicly said to Peter, "thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men" (Matthew 16:23).

**Paul publicly rebuked Peter** "before them all," for his doctrinal error. Galatians 2:13 tells us that even "Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation" (Translated "hypocrisy" five times). Silence always gives consent. To remain silent is to promote apostasy.

## Exposing Leaders Who Compromise

**First Timothy 5:19** focuses on the compromising pastor.

The next verse says, "Them (pastors) that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear." First Corinthians 10:11 tells us "these things happened...and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

### Paul publicly exposed,

- **Peter** (Galatians 2:13).
- **Demas** (Second Timothy 4:10).
- **Hymenaeus** (First Timothy 1:18-20).
- **Alexander** (First Timothy 1:18-20).
- **Philetus** (Second Timothy 2:15-18).
- **Hymenaeus** again (Second Timothy 2:15-18).
- **Alexander** again (Second Timothy 4:14-15).

### John publicly exposed,

- **Diotrephes** (Third John 9).
- **Balaam** (Revelation 2:14).

### Moses publicly exposed,

- **Balaam** (Numbers 22-25).

### Peter publicly exposed,

- **Balaam** (Second Peter 2:15).

### Jude publicly exposed,

- **Balaam** (Jude 11).

### Nathan publicly exposed,

- **David** (Second Samuel 12:7).

"The priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so."  
(Jeremiah 5:31)

