

# Ephesians Series

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# Spiritual Skills: Doctrinal Orientation

## How to Value the Bible

Psalm 19:1–11



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER



**Deut. 6:5, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.**

**Deut. 6:6, “ ‘And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.’ ”**

**Psa. 119:11, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”**

**Eph. 4:26, “ ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,**

**Eph. 4:27, “nor give place to the devil.” [NKJV]**

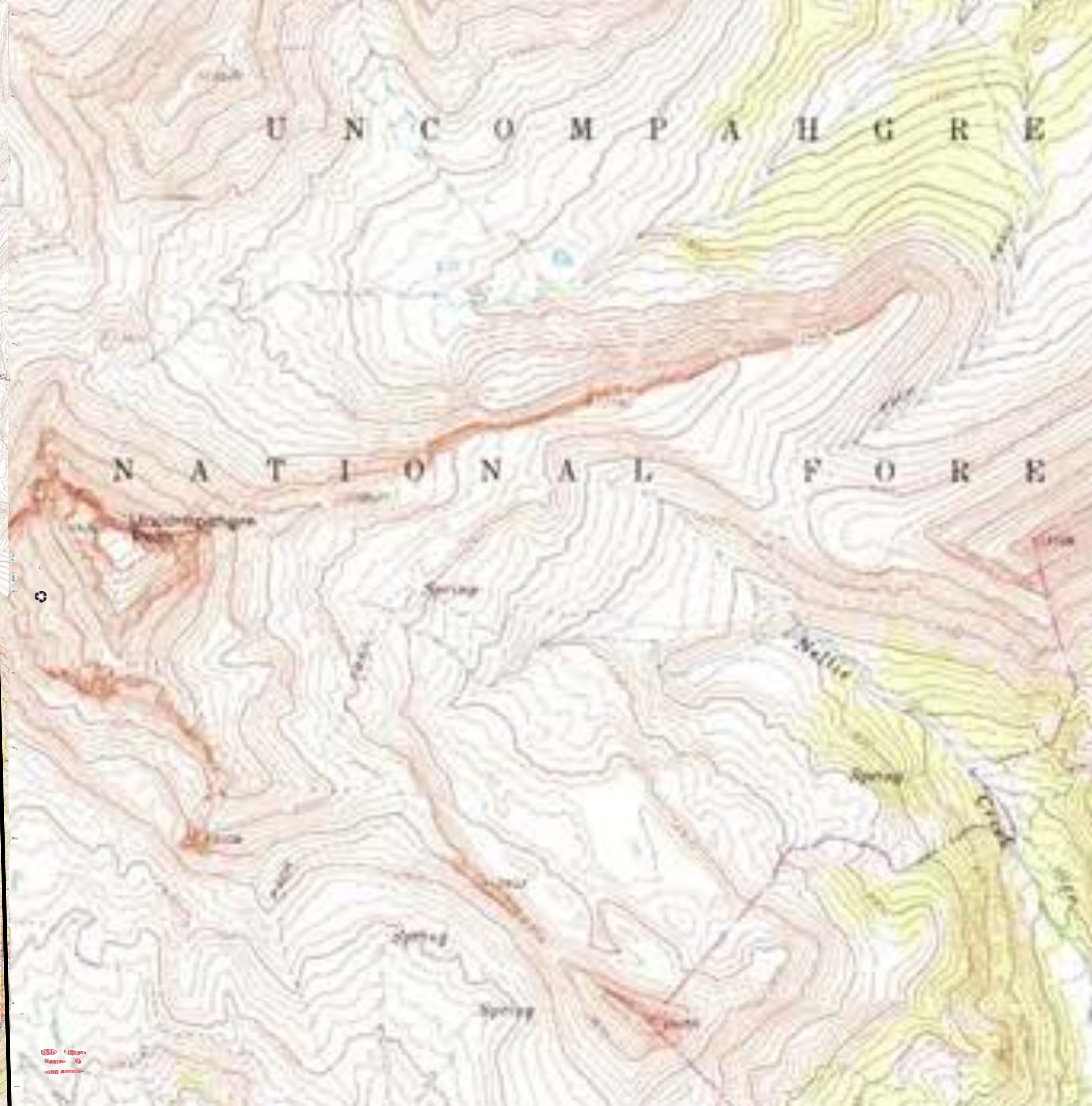
## **What we will see:**

- **Introductory comments and definitions**
- **The Value of Scripture**
- **Suggestions on how to transform your focus on the Word**

**Align our lives with God's grace**

**Align ourselves with the Bible**





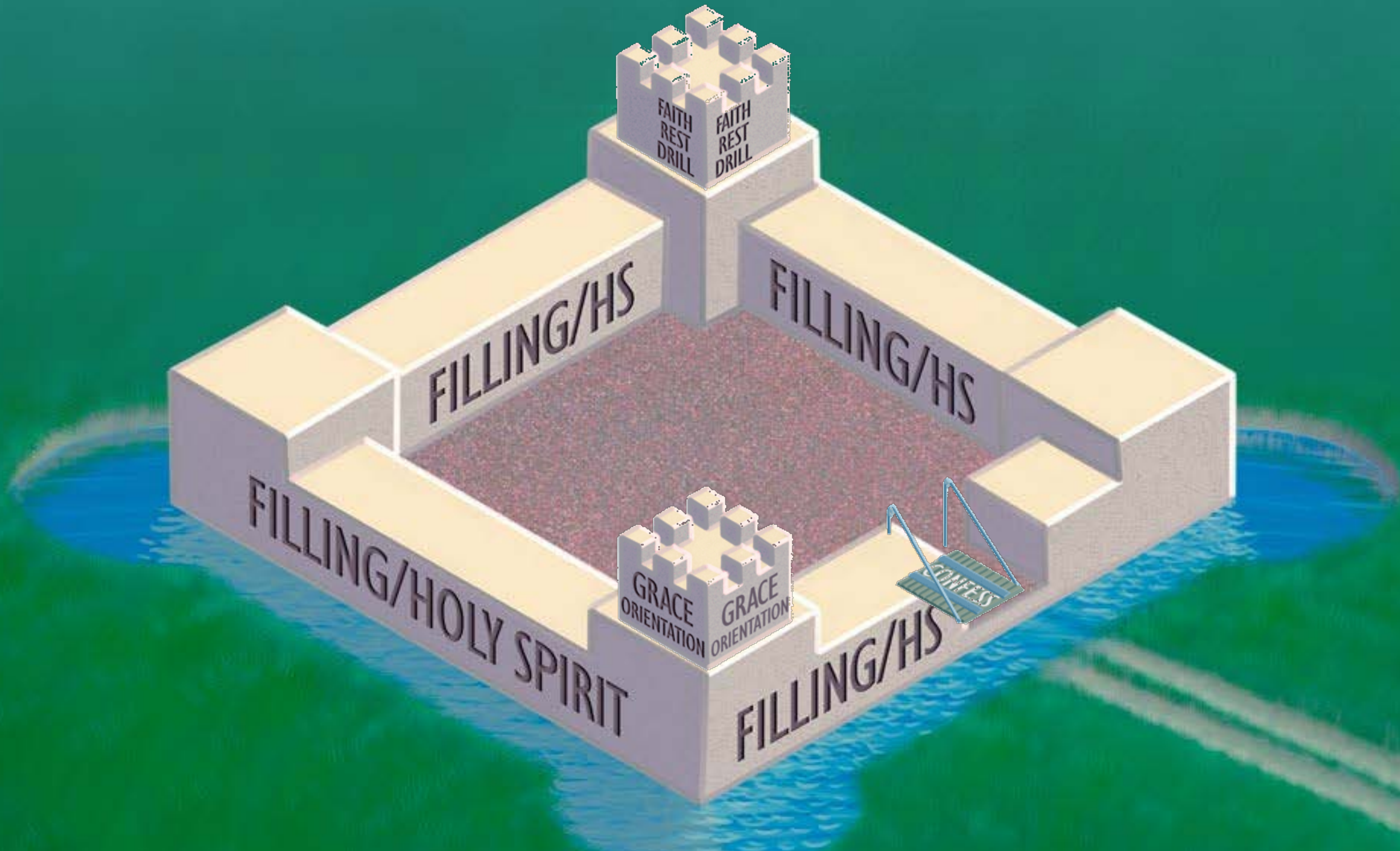


**What the Bible Teaches About**

**Spiritual Skills for  
LIFE**







FAITH  
REST  
DRILL

FILLING/HS

FILLING/HS

FILLING/HOLY SPIRIT

GRACE  
ORIENTATION

FILLING/HS

CONFESS



## **#5 Doctrinal Orientation**

**What is doctrine? What do we mean by doctrine? And is knowing doctrine the same as knowing God's Word?**



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**Acts 2:42, “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, that is in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”**



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**2 Tim. 4:2, “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”**

**Titus 1:9, “holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.”**



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**διδασκαλία (*didaskalia*), teaching, instruction; used only 2×  
in the gospels/Acts**



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**Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,**

**Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,**

**Eph. 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;**

**Eph. 4:14, “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,”**



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**2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine [teaching], for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,**

**2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**



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**“Doctrine, for example, may be defined as the response of the church to questions that have been posed either by heretics from outside the church (threats) or by the faithful within it (questions). The term is almost universally translated “teaching” in the New Testament (for example, 1 Timothy 4:16). It is that which is taught, put forth as true, and embraced by a school or group. In the New Testament, it refers to the teachings of Scripture relative to any theme.”**

**~John D. Hannah, *Our Legacy: The History of Christian Doctrine* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2001), 21.**

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**COED: a set of beliefs or principles held and taught by a Church, political party, or other group.**

**Merriam Webster: 2 a : something that is taught**

**b : a principle or position or the body of principles in a branch of knowledge or system of belief**

**c : a principle of law established through past decisions**

**d : a statement of fundamental government policy especially in international relations**



## #5 Doctrinal Orientation

**Modern War Institute:**

**“As a military term, Army doctrine is defined as the fundamental principles by which the military forces or elements thereof guide their actions in support of national objectives.**

**But doctrine is more than just principles. It is a body of thought on how Army forces intend to operate as part of a joint force and a statement of how the Army intends to fight. It establishes a common frame of reference including intellectual tools that Army leaders use to solve military problems. It is supposed to focus on how to think—not what to think.”**

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**“According to the old FM 3-0, doctrine consists of a) fundamental principles, b) tactics, techniques, and procedures, and c) terms and symbols.”**



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**Deut. 8:3, “So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”**



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**Matt. 4:3, “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’”**

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**Psa. 19:1**, “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament [expanse] shows His handiwork.

**Psa. 19:2**, “Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

**Psa. 19:3**, “There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

**Psa. 19:4**, “Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

**Psa. 19:5**, “Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

**Psa. 19:6**, “Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.”



## **#5 Doctrinal Orientation**

***General revelation is God's non-verbal disclosure of Himself through His creation, through His providential guidance of history, through miracles, and through the incarnation, in the fact of the incarnation, and through the image of God in all human beings.***

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***Special revelation is a broad term that involves any degree of specificity from God in disclosing Himself and His will, thus it can include something such as the lot or the Urim and Thummim. But more directly this involves the Words of God, whether later inscripturated or not.***



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**Psa. 19:7, “The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**

**Psa. 19:8, “The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

**Psa. 19:9, “The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

**Psa. 19:10, “More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

**Psa. 19:11, “Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.”**

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**Neh. 9:3, “And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God *for one-fourth* of the day; and *for another* fourth they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God.”**