

Message 1

BASIC AXIOMS
FOUNDATIONAL TO FUNDAMENTALISM
(Axiom¹ = self-evident, pre-suppositional truth)

1. The Bible is the Word of God — our only rule of faith and practice.
2. God is more significant and important than man.
3. God's honor is more important than man's honor.
4. God's ways are better than man's ways.
5. God's love is more perfect than man's love.
6. Man is never benefited when God is dishonored.
7. God's judgments are necessary for man's welfare.
8. It is never right to do wrong. There is never a right reason for doing a wrong thing.
9. Partial obedience or selective obedience is disobedience.
10. The Holy Spirit of God never leads anyone to do anything that is contrary to His Word.
11. Anything that is not Scriptural is not spiritual — of the Holy Spirit.
12. It is always wrong to add strength or numbers to an apostasy.
13. It is always wrong to give credibility to the works of apostasy.
14. It is always wrong to give authority to the message of apostasy.
15. God has not called us to succeed. He has called us to work hard and to be faithful. The results of our work are God's business, not ours!
16. Pragmatism² (outcome-based, result-oriented philosophy) is never the measure of a man's work. God always measures our work by the Standard of His Word.
17. Fighting and confrontation are absolutely necessary under certain conditions. That for which you will not fight, you will ultimately lose.
18. God has enemies. The Bible instructs believers to relate to God's enemies differently than to their own personal enemies. Entirely different principles apply.
19. Everyone, without exception, who claims to represent the Living God and His Son, Jesus Christ is morally and spiritually obligated to be in full agreement with God in everything — to be on God's side in every issue of life and ministry.

¹ **ax•i•om** \ˈak-sĒ-um\ *noun* [L *axioma*, fr. Gk *axiōma*, lit., something worthy, fr. *axioun* to think worthy, fr. *axios* worth, worthy; akin to Gk *agein* to weigh, drive]

1 : a maxim (a general truth, fundamental principle, or rule of conduct) widely accepted on its intrinsic merit

2 : a statement accepted as true as the basis for argument or inference : POSTULATE

3 : an established rule or principle or a self-evident truth

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² **prag•ma•tism** \ˈprag-mu-ti-zum\ *noun*

2 : an American movement in philosophy founded by C. S. Peirce and William James and marked by the doctrines that the meaning of conceptions is to be sought in their practical bearings, that the function of thought is to guide action, and that truth is preeminently to be tested *by the practical consequences* of belief

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