



Our Responsibility to Defend

(Defending the Faith)

Introduction:

1. There are many things happening within the Lord's church and there are many things happening outside of the Lord's church that affect the Lord's church.
2. Do we have a responsibility to defend the things that God has provided for us?
3. Let us examine together...

I. Why Do We A Responsibility To Defend?

- A. (Matthew 7:15)
- B. "Beware" is used 23 times in the KJV. "Take Heed" is used 63 times. "Watch" is used 53 times.
- C. God knew that there would and will be false teachers (Matthew 7:15; 1 John 4:1; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Peter 2:1-3).
- D. We have a great and precious responsibility to defend the gift that God has given us.

II. What Should We Do With This Responsibility?

- A. Fulfill It!
- B. (Philippians 1:7)
- C. (Jude 3-4)
 1. "Failure to defend the faith is a denial of the Lord." – Jess Nutter
- D. Fulfill it by teaching (Acts 19:24-28).
- E. Fulfill it by preaching (1 Timothy 4:1-2).

III. What Do We Do With Those Who Will Not Change

- A. Some false teachers will not change and they will keep teaching false doctrines, what do we do? We turn to God's word for help.
- B. We are to "note" ("mark" --KJV) those who teach a contrary doctrine (Romans 16:17).
 1. Notice that Paul also says we are to avoid them (Romans 16:18).

IV. What Are Consequences Of Defending The Faith

- A. Persecution (2 Timothy 3:12).
- B. Defending the Faith cost some of early Christians their lives (Acts 7:55-60; 12:1-2).
- C. The happiness of doing what is right (Matthew 5:10-12).
- D. Eternal life (Mark 10:29-30; 2 Timothy 4:6-8)

Conclusion:

1. Defending the Faith is a great responsibility.
2. It is a responsibility that each of us have as Christians – Will you Defend?
3. Defending the Gospel is a charge that each of us **must** take.
4. In our defence let us depend upon God our Father, so our defense will end in glory.