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PROVERBS TO LIVE BY
PROVERBS 30:5,6

Proverbs 30:5 says, ***“Every word of God is pure. He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.”*** God has His word written in the Book, the Holy Bible, as His Holy Spirit gave it to the human writers. The words written were His words, not theirs. There is no word or truth that is more pure than God’s word.

His word is also written into the hearts (spirit) of mankind. People therefore inherently know right from wrong. Cultural “norms,” taught ideas, repeatedly doing wrong and other such matters can often override that inherent sense to the point that they no longer believe truth. The “lie” becomes their “truth” as the next verse shows.

Verse 6 says, ***“Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove (rebuke) thee, and thou be found a liar.”*** Religious people often add doctrine or traditions or practices that are not in the bible. This corrupts the purity of the word.

Others, non-believers, and some believers, also alter the Word by adding interpretations based on twisting one part of scripture to be interpreted in a way that is opposite to the remaining word. One such example of this twisting relates to homosexuality. They will take what says that God loves everybody, therefore He loves the homosexual. That part is true; he loves the person. Then they go farther in saying that since He loves them, He therefore accepts and approves of their homosexual conduct. This is not true as He loves the sinner but hates the sin. The remainder of the bible condemns that lifestyle in both the Old and New Testaments. This is one of many examples of “adding” to the Word. The “added” part is a lie.

Apostle John in Revelation 22:18-19 spoke about adding to the book when he wrote, ***“If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”*** We cannot “re-write” it to suit our personal, social, or national agendas.

The Word of God is pure and true. In order to keep from being deceived, we must know the Word “inside and out.” You must read it and study it for yourself. Do not take somebody else’s claim of what it says, not even a pastor, Preacher, or Bible Scholar; many of them actually teach error.

Study the Word so that you will know the truth for yourself. As you read and study, ask Holy Spirit to enable your understanding. That is a part of His job description.