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COUNTERFEIT

Several years ago, I had a business and a police officer stopped by. He came to let me know that there were counterfeit one hundred bills being passed and to be careful. He told me that he had worked with banks instructing the clerk how to know if a bill was counterfeit. In teaching them he did not teach them about the counterfeits. He taught them about the “real thing.” Through touch of the paper and other things hidden in these bills they could tell the difference.

So, it is true with things of God. You must know the real in order to know the “counterfeit.” In teaching in our ministry school, I have found it astounding how little biblical knowledge most people have. They truly have not been taught even the fundamentals. Many churches concentrate on the “prophetic” while others concentrate on “soul winning.” Some are known as “healing ministries” while others are known for “prosperity.” Interesting enough although all of these things are important you can’t build your Christian life on these gifts. It must be built on the only foundation that will stand, and that is the Word of God.

If I were to ask most people if they take their bibles to church, sadly most would say no. How can you tell if someone is preaching truth if you can’t back it up by scripture? You can’t. You just assume they know more than you. In truth they may be slipping “counterfeit” teachings into your life. This is how cults control people with error.

I suggest that you take the time daily to study God’s word. Don’t take it lightly. We are in spiritual battles 24/7 and we must know our weapons. The Word of God is a weapon that if used properly will bring victory. No giant will remain when you fling the word at him.

When you know the Word of God you will never settle for the “counterfeit” when you can know the real. You won’t be deceived in the days to come that will be very difficult before the Lord’s return.