

We glorify God by making disciples of all nations.

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How Should We Pursue Biblical Training?Colossians 1:27-29

We pursue Biblical training by...

- Relying upon divine **revelation**, not human **speculation**.
 - We do not adhere to what our minds can <u>devise</u>; we cling to what our God has <u>disclosed</u>.
 - ▶ Two implications...
 - Because our source is revelation, the content of our study is <u>determined</u>.
 - Because revelation is divine, the content of our study is <u>authoritative</u>.
- Instructing **everyone** in the body, not just an **elite few**.
 - Spiritual hierarchy in the church is not only divisive and contrary to the **Spirit** of Christ, it is deficient and contrary to the **will** of Christ.
 - ▶ All the **<u>truth</u>** of God is for all the **<u>people</u>** of God.
- Seeking **conformity** to Christ, not **intellectual** superiority.
 - ▶ The **measure** of our training is our maturity in Christ.

"One can know a great deal about God without much knowledge of him....
We find in ourselves a deep interest in theology. We read books about God
and theology. We learn to find our way around in the Scriptures. Others
appreciate our interest in these things, and we find ourselves asked to give
our opinion in public on this or that Christian question, to lead study groups,
etc.... All very fine—yet interest in theology and knowledge about God...is not
at all the same thing as knowing him." J.I. Packer

▶ True **knowledge** of Him results in real **obedience** to Him.

Bottom line...

God wills for His people to rely upon His Word so that they **reflect** the Word, Jesus Christ. May we give ourselves to the study of God's Word in such a way that Christ is **clearly seen**.

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