

8. Pride/Humility

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

-I Don't need to know!

- **1 Thessalonians 5:21-22** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. ²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.

- **Ephesians 5:10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

- **Philippians 1:10** That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

- **Matthew 15:9** But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

-- **Acts 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so

Listen, if someone challenges us, we must be ready to defend what we believe, or else, it is not worth believing.

-but, today, people will try to silence the 'Berean' because they cannot defend their position.

-today, they falsely call out "Pharisee" because they cannot prove that their standard is Christlike.

-they falsely call our "Legalist" because they have no foundation to stand on.

-plus, they feel comfortable, because they are going with the crowd

-they are either too proud to admit wrong, or afraid of what God might ask them to give up.

-afraid of knowledge

-and so, they do like corrupt politicians and liberals, they try to silence their accusers.

-Folks, there are thousands of excuses people use to listen to Christian Pop/Rock/CCM or of like kind of music.

--but the true reasons that they continue to listen and use it is found in I Samuel 15

-1 Samuel 15:22-23 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry....

-many Christians continue listening to wicked music because they are rebellious.

--also, they do not want to give it up because they are too stubborn to do so.

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