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Dedication

The word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and the spirit, and of the joints and the marrow, and is a critic of thoughts and intents of the heart. (Heb 4:12) All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God might be mature, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2Tim 3:16-17) Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2Tim. 2:1)

This compilation of doctrinal principles is dedicated to my pastor of some 40+ years, Col. R. B. Thieme Jr., who, in my humble opinion, is one of, if not the, foremost theologian of the 20th century and most likely many others as well. Without his consistent undaunted dogmatic teaching of Bible Doctrine this document would not have been possible and I would most likely NOT have a clue about the Christian Way of Life. In his physical presence, mental acuity, supreme dedication to the word of God and overriding dogmatic veracity in the presentation of the doctrines of the bible he has been a life changing inspiration to myself and literally hundreds of thousands of other believers throughout the world. I, and these others I am sure, look forward to the honor of standing in ranks before the Judgment Seat of Jesus Christ as representatives of the “Berachah Battalion” who have grown up in the Spiritual Life under his phenomenal grace teaching.

I would like to give special thanks to Pastor Robert Lyon who has been a constant stimulus and encouragement to me in putting this and other materials together as a consolidation of bible doctrine to enable others to assimilate or review.

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Preface

Before a believer begins to study anything related to bible doctrine he must name his sins privately to God the Father in order to be forgiven those and all other sins, to be placed again into fellowship with God and under the teaching and guiding ministry of God the Holy Spirit. 1st John 1:9 states, "If we confess (name or cite) our (known) sins, He is faithful and justified to forgive us our (known) sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (unknown sins)." This will put the believer into fellowship with God and under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit in a state of Genuine Humility and teachability and ready to learn Bible Doctrine. If you have never personally expressed faith alone in The Lord Jesus, The Christ alone the issue is NOT naming your sins. The issue is nonmeritorious faith alone in Christ alone. "He who believes in the Son has Eternal Life; But he who does not obey the command to believe in the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:36)

If we are totally objective we must admit to having delusions about some things in life at some time. For myself there is ONE thing in this life which I have no delusions about, Bible Doctrine. Were it not for the teaching ministry of Col. R. B. Thieme Jr. and his consistent clear, concise and dogmatic presentation of the doctrines of the bible I would know nothing of orthodox fundamental biblical doctrine. I have no delusion about my knowledge, calling or spiritual gift; and, recognize that I could not do what he and many other pastors have done, and continue to do, in the constant studying and teaching of doctrine to their congregations. Over the years I have learned innumerable principles from these studies by Pastor Thieme. One of the most important things I have learned has been that "your rate of learning MUST exceed your rate of FORGETTING" in order to advance in the Spiritual Life or to maintain your level of spiritual growth. This amplifies the necessity therefore of constant consistent Perception, Cognition, Incultation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine and ultimately the application of it to life. It is my desire that this document be a source of consolidated doctrine to fulfill that very purpose.

This is a compilation from my notes on the principles directly derived from the lessons taught by Col. R. B. Thieme Jr., in the period from 1970 to the end of his ministry, in the studies involving the Life of David, Series #631, Psalm 37, Series #366, and the Epistles of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, Series #429, 431, and 433 respectively and many other lessons as well. Within these lessons he delineated a system of failure which MUST, by all possible means, be avoided by the believer in their advance toward and residence in the status of Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God. This he named "The INTERLOCKING System of Arrogance". In these studies the Colonel delineated 26 entrance points into this system of failure for the believer. In my review of many years of notes I have taken from the many studies he had done, I have been able to identify several more entry points into the Interlocking System of Arrogance therefore I have taken some liberty in segregating and included these in this document. Many of these lessons, having been taught many years prior to the time of my compiling this document, still, to this day, reflect a degrading condition which exists in societies in general in history and most emphatically in our society today. All of these were taught after many years of Pastor Thieme serving in his ministry of Studying and Teaching Orthodox Fundamental Biblical Christian Doctrine according to an Isagogical, Exegetical and Categorical method. With this in mind be conscious of the fact that some of the terminology, doctrine and principles presented here will be, at best, obscure and possibly difficult for the new or infant believer. It took the Colonel many years to come to the point of being able to extract these doctrines and principles from the

original languages of scripture so it should reasonably require some years of study by the believer under his type of ministry to be able to understand what is herein contained. To facilitate this understanding on the part of the reader I have linked segments of this document with others to enable the reader to review or recall concepts, principles and doctrines while reading other parts. I have also included a Glossary of terms which I believe will help in this endeavor.

As one would expect, I have entered some opinions and concepts of my own from what I have learned from my studies of his teaching of Bible Doctrine in later lessons, from later years and from life experiences and other current materials regarding ongoing historical and social trends. I have in addition, I am sure, not kept the numbering system of the Entrance Points of the Interlocking System of Arrogance identical to what the Colonel had listed. The effort here on my part has been to consolidate the principles of Arrogance in order to provide a place where believers might go to acquire or review concise but detailed principles related to avoiding the Arrogance pitfall while living as a Christian. However, nothing contained herein is ever to be construed to have been originated by my personal abilities to extract doctrines from the scripture. Neither is this to be a substitute for consistent daily study under one's right Pastor Teacher in order to develop the momentum needed to reach and hold on to spiritual maturity, the ultimate objective of the Spiritual Life. I have taken the liberty of trying to only add pertinent examples of historical and social trends which I see occurring some time after these lessons elucidated them. If more details and reference passages are desired on the Arrogance Complex or how these principles were derived the original lessons can be ordered from **R. B. Thieme Jr. Bible Ministries**, P.O. Box 460829, Houston Tx. 77056-8829, or by phoning 713-621-3740.

My objective in presenting this compilation of Bible Doctrine is not whether it is considered good or bad, liked or disliked as a message but whether God the Holy Spirit can use the doctrinal content in the life of YOU the believer reading it. I have nothing to prove to anyone in life and it is only getting the message through to the YOU, the reader, that is important to me so that there is something for God the Holy Spirit to use. I have, in fact, attempted to organize these principles into discrete segments or categories. However, the ARROGANCE COMPLEX is an INTERLOCKING SYSTEM of mental attitude hostility toward God coupled with the control of soul by the old sin nature resulting in Sin, the production of Human Good and spiritual destruction from the constant influence of EVIL (the plan and policy of Satan in ruling this world) on the soul of the believer. These principles resist any attempt at separation into singular units being intricately interlocked into a system of opposition to God. Also, the principles elucidated by Pastor Thieme in his studies of Arrogance were taught at varying times with different background context and they must be related to other parts of the complex with which they readily interact in order that their meaning in a particular situation is best understood and their propensity to move the believer deeper and deeper into this complex can be identified by the believer. With this in mind understand that there will be duplication and repetition and one type of arrogance cannot be separated and individually studied without relating it's impact on and from, very often, several others. However, as the Colonel might have said on occasion: "REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION IS INVALUABLE SO GET USED TO IT AND ENJOY IT.

Dr. Frank P. Ferraro

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