

APOSTLE PAUL IN PRISON

2 Timothy
letter from the end of
a life well lived

Chapter 4

2 Timothy 4: 1 (NIV)

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

Question

How important does this charge or command from Paul to Timothy sound?

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*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, **who will judge the living and the dead,** and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:*

James 3:1 (ISV)

*Not many of you should
become teachers, my
brothers, because you know
that we who teach will be
judged more severely than
others.*

2 Timothy 4: 2 (NIV)

*Preach the word; be prepared
in season and out of season;
correct, rebuke and
encourage--with great
patience and careful
instruction.*

Question

What command is Paul giving Timothy before God and Jesus?

2 Timothy 4: 2 (NIV)

Preach the word; be
*prepared in season and out of
season; correct, rebuke and
encourage--with great
patience and careful
instruction.*

Question

What does it mean to
“Preach the word”?

Question

When do you
“*Preach the word*” ?

2 Timothy 4: 2 (NIV)

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season; correct, rebuke and
encourage--with great
patience and careful
instruction.*

Question

When does it mean to
preach the Word
*“in season and out of
season”*?

Question

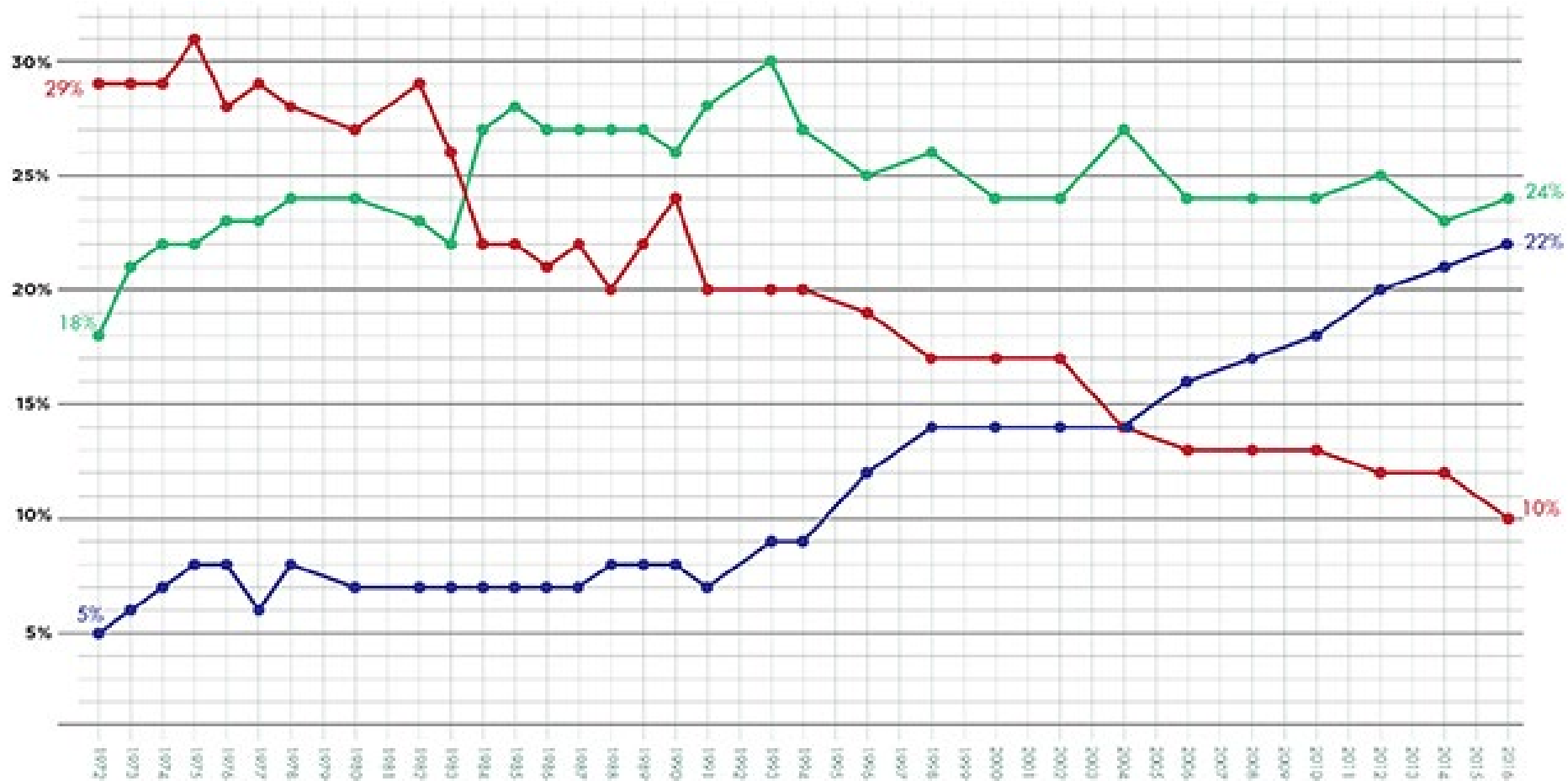
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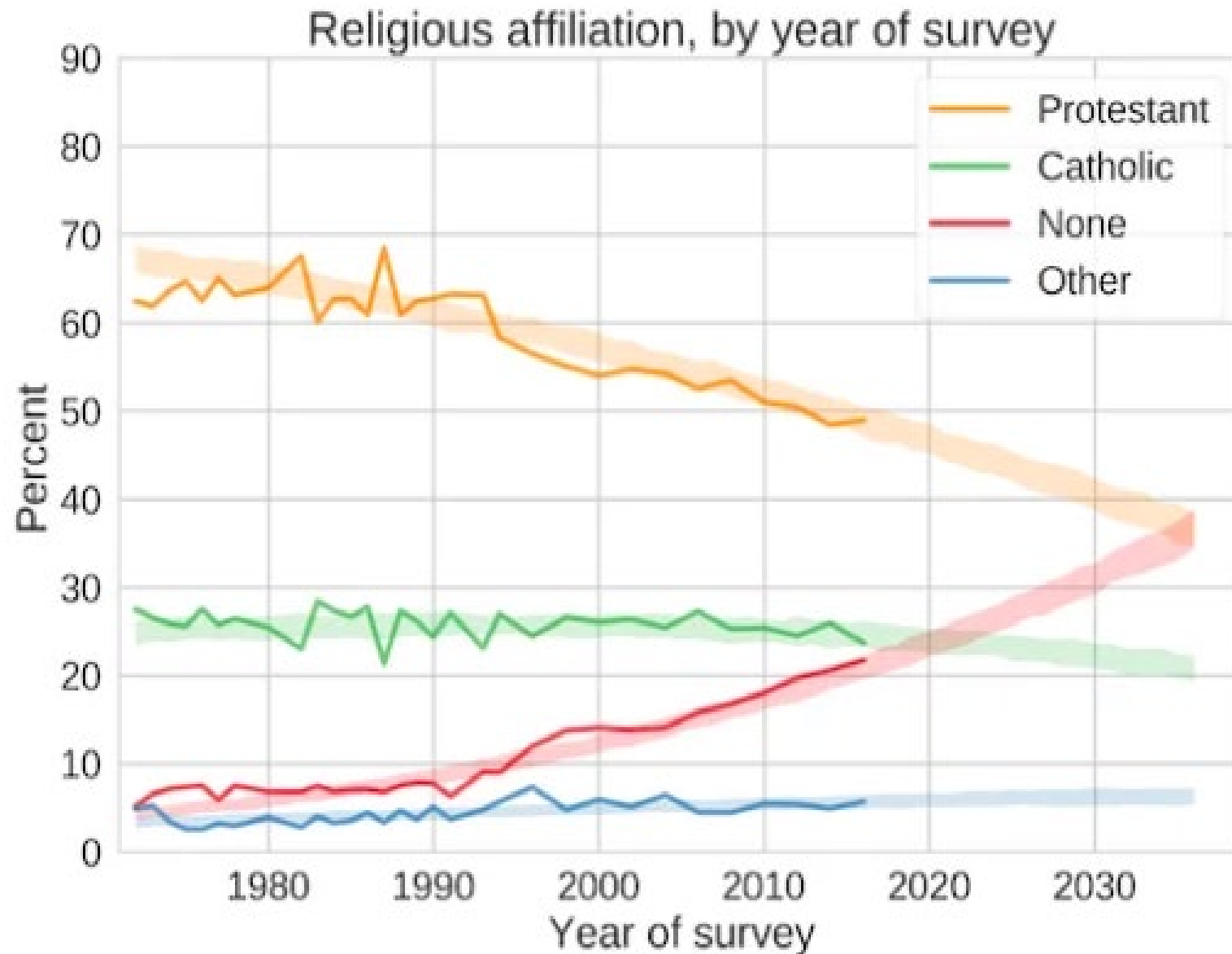
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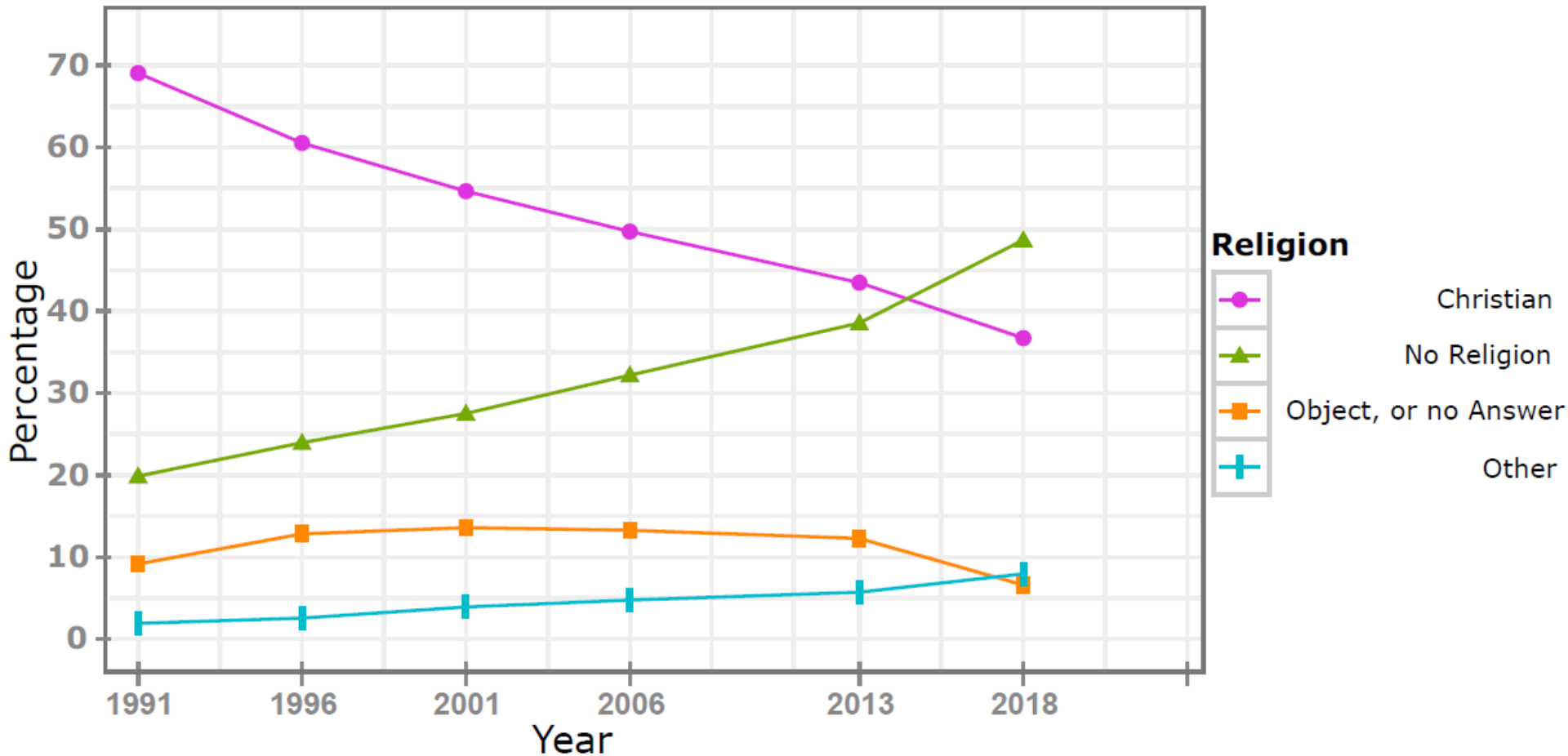
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Some Reasons Why Humanists Reject The Bible

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By Joseph C. Sommer

Introduction

Humanists reject the claim that the Bible is the word of God. They are convinced the book was written solely by humans in an ignorant, superstitious, and cruel age. They believe that because the writers of the Bible lived in an unenlightened era, the book contains many errors and harmful teachings.

Question

How do you preach the word?

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prepared in season and out of
season; **correct**, rebuke and
encourage--with great
patience and careful
instruction.

Question

What does it mean to
correct someone?

Correct

elégxō

- to convince with solid, compelling evidence
- to expose
- to prove wrong.

Correct (Webster 1828)

To bring to the standard
of truth.

To set right.

Question

What is used to correct someone?

Question

Can you think of an example how you correct others by preaching the Word?



Matthew 2: 9-11(NIV)

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2: 9-11(NIV)

On coming to the house,
*they saw the child with his
mother Mary, and they bowed
down and worshiped him.*

*Then they opened their
treasures and presented him
with gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh.*

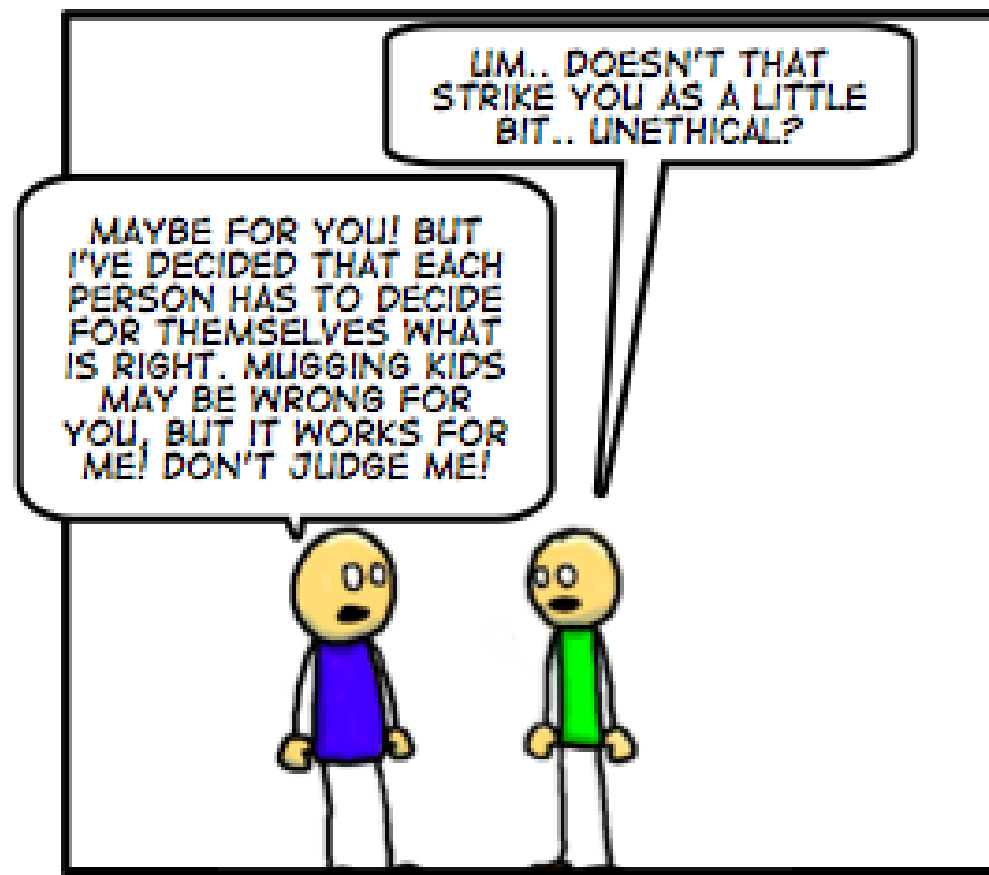
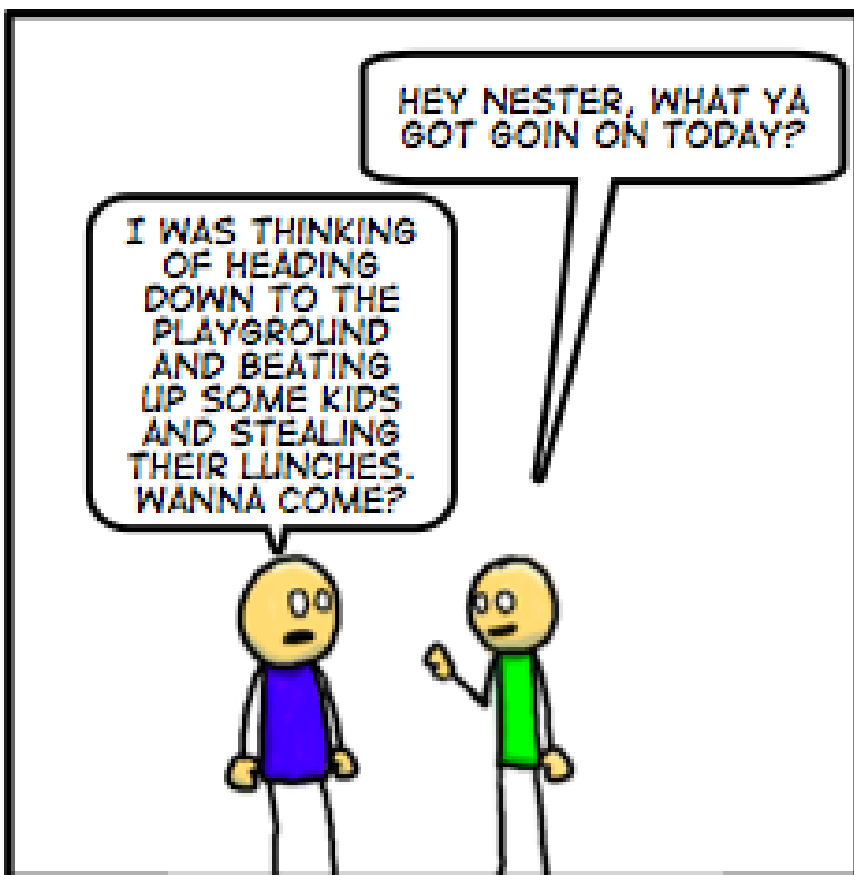


Question

What lie does satan use
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allowing the Word to
correct them?

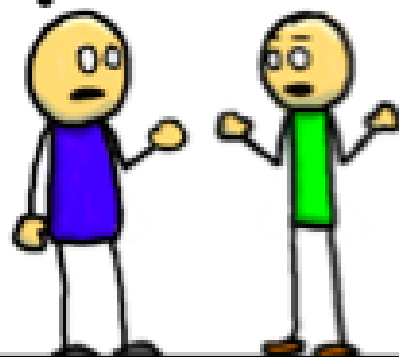
I'M TIRED OF PEOPLE
JUDGING ME BASED
ON THEIR "OBJECTIVE"
ETHICAL STANDARDS.
ETHICAL RELATIVISM IS
OBVIOUSLY THE WAY
TO GO!





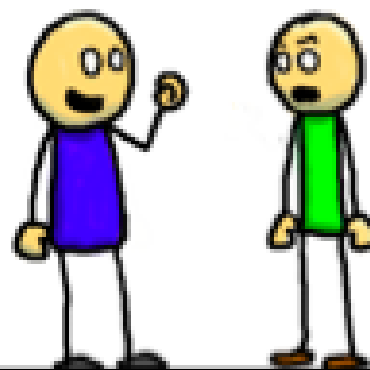
SO WHEN WE HAVE
DISAGREEMENTS OVER THINGS
LIKE MUGGING KIDS, HOW ARE WE
SUPPOSED TO RESOLVE THEM?
HOW DO WE DECIDE WHO'S RIGHT?

WELL THAT'S THE
GREAT THING
GABE..



WE DON'T HAVE TO
DECIDE WHO'S RIGHT,
BECAUSE WE BOTH
ARE! WE'RE BOTH
DOING WHAT'S RIGHT
FOR US! SO DON'T
JUDGE ME!

WELL MAYBE I'VE
DECIDED THAT THE
RIGHT THING FOR
ME IS TO BE
JUDGMENTAL OF
JERKS WHO BEAT
UP KIDS AND STEAL
THEIR FOOD.



NO GABE YOU'RE
NOT LISTENING!
CRITICIZING OTHER
PEOPLE'S MORAL
SYSTEMS IS
WRONG! STOP
JUDGING ME!!!



**There are no
right or wrong
ways. Different
people,
different paths,
different
strides.**

2 Timothy 4: 2 (NIV)

Preach the word; be
prepared in season and out of
season; correct, **rebuke** and
encourage--with great
patience and careful
instruction.

Question

What does it mean to rebuke someone?

Rebuke

epitimaó

- Rebuke
- Scold
- Warn

Rebuke (Webster 1828)

To chasten; to punish; to afflict for correction.

Question

What is used to rebuke
someone?

Question

Can you think of an example of when it would be necessary to rebuke by preaching the Word?

Luke 3: 19 (NIV)

But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done,

Question

What lie does satan use to prevent people from allowing the Word to rebuke them?

Our culture has accepted **two huge lies**.
The first is that if you disagree with someone's
lifestyle, you must fear or hate them.

The second is that to love someone means
you agree with everything they believe or do.

Both are nonsense. You don't have to
compromise convictions to
be compassionate.

Rick Warren



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Question

How does the flesh
respond to rebuke?

Luke 3: 19-20 (NIV)

But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all:
He locked John up in prison.

2 Timothy 4: 2 (NIV)

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prepared in season and out of
season; correct, rebuke and
encourage--with great
patience and careful
instruction.

Question

What does it mean to encourage someone?

encourage

parakaleó

- to console
- to encourage
- to strengthen
- to comfort

Encourage (Webster 1828)

To give courage to; to
give or increase
confidence; to inspire
with courage, spirit, or
strength of mind; to
embolden

Question

What is used to
encourage someone?

Question

Can you think of an example where someone preaching the Word encourages us?

Question

What lie does satan use to prevent people from allowing the Word to encourage them?

LIES

rejected

unforgiven

worthless

alone

hopeless

unloved



2 Timothy 4: 2 (NIV)

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prepared in season and out of
season; correct, rebuke and
encourage--**with great**
patience and careful
instruction.

Question

What happens when we
are not patient when
preaching the Word?

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Preach the word; be
prepared in season and out of
season; correct, rebuke and
encourage--with great
patience **and careful**
instruction.

Question

What does it mean to
preach the Word with
careful instruction?

Please turn to
1 Peter 3: 14-16

1 Peter 3: 14-16 (NIV)

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

1 Peter 3: 14-16 (NIV)

*Always be prepared to give
an answer to everyone who
asks you to give the reason
for the hope that you have.
But do this with gentleness
and respect,*

1 Peter 3: 14-16 (NIV)

keeping a clear conscience,

*so that those who speak
maliciously against your good
behavior in Christ may be
ashamed of their slander.*

2 Timothy 4: 3 (NIV)

*For the time will come **when people will not put up with sound doctrine**. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

Question

What does it mean to not
put up with something?

Question

What does Paul tell Timothy that people not going to put up with?

Question

Why do people not want
to put up with sound
doctrine?

James 1: 22-24 (NIV)

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **Anyone who listens to the word** but does not do what it says **is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror** and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.*

2 Timothy 4: 3 (NIV)

*For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. **Instead, to suit their own desires**, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

Question

Why does it mean to suit
your own desires?

CONTRARY TO
POPULAR BELIEF,
YOU CAN

ABSOLUTELY

HAVE YOUR
cake



AND EAT IT TOO!

Question

What is the problem with following our own desires and not God's?

Genesis 6:5 (NIV)

*The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that **every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.***

Proverbs 14: 12 (NIV)

*There is a way that appears to be right, **but in the end it leads to death.***

2 Timothy 4: 3 (NIV)

*For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, **they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.***

Question

What does it mean to
*“gather around them a
great number of teachers
to say what their itching
ears want to hear.”* ?

People will desire to flock to preachers who preach words that make them feel good about themselves, but will reject preachers who preach repentance, righteousness, holiness, sin, hell and punishment.

2 Timothy 4: 4 (NIV)

**They will turn their ears
away from the truth and**
turn aside to myths.

People will dictate what is
preached, not God and His
Word!

2 Timothy 4: 4 (NIV)

*They will turn their ears away from the truth and **turn aside to myths.***

Question

Why do people want to
hear myths instead of
Truth?

A man with short hair and glasses, wearing a black shirt, has his hands clasped in a prayer position. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is a dramatic, fiery scene with bright orange and yellow flames, suggesting a hellish or apocalyptic environment.

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**"There is no hell
for any of us to fear
outside of ourselves."
— Quillen Hamilton Shinn
Universalist minister**



2 Timothy 4: 5 (NIV)

*But you, **keep your head in all situations**, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

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