

# “Balance” Is A BIG Word

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While the appeal “balance is a big word” is **spot on**, the following must be acknowledged if there is to be any worth in the stated insight:

The **grounds** for “balance” is fundamental. Here’s a precious word of clarity:

Please take the time to consider [this short appeal](#).\* The investment is worth it.

Practical ramifications of the short (less-than-one-page) article linked immediately above are HUGE.

Even then, after embracing the final authority of God’s Word, one must be careful. “How so?” one might ask.

We must include within the honoring of God’s Counsel, this: The **full revelation** of God must be accepted lest one walk in unbalanced deception. (see Acts 20:27)

This duplicitous, partial-truth deception includes: Picking some Scripture but denying other Bible Truths – even paradoxical Truths when the whole is considered.

Allow me to cite yet another practical example, one from Jill Briscoe’s *Daily Study Bible for Women*. (Tyndale House Publishers ; article titled, “Health and Wholeness - The Small Print”)

God calls us to say and do what he wants us to, whatever the response or reaction of people. “Our purpose is to please God, not people,” wrote Paul, whom God had “entrusted with the Good News” (I Thessalonians 2:4). We can do this when we have a healthy sense of wholeness in the Lord.

To be a teacher of truth requires transparency before God. “He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts” (2:4)—but we need to be open to his working. It’s easy to want the people we teach to like us and praise us, and we can fall into the trap of wanting them to like our message! How easy then to go the next step and water down the hard things God wants us to pass along, to skip over the small print and give only the “good” news. But there is no Good News without explaining the small print first—that part about how we all are sinners and that our sin must be dealt with before we can be saved.

Once I was talking to a group of young people who were into drugs. I was tempted to tell them all the positive things about the gospel. “After all, it is the *Good* News,” I reasoned. In an honest moment, however, I let God show me the motivation behind the talk I had prepared for this

particular occasion. I wanted these kids to like me, and, therefore, I figured they needed to like what I would say. I didn't want to read them the "small print" that said they were sinners in need of salvation. I didn't want to tell them that their lifestyles had to change. I knew they wouldn't like that message, and then they wouldn't like me. But God helped me to see that he wouldn't like it if I didn't give them the entire message. I had to please God first—not my audience. So I gave them the small print as well as the large, and though I had been right about what their response would be, I knew that I had pleased God.

Being a God-pleaser and not a people-pleaser is a sign of spiritual maturity. May pleasing God *always* be our purpose! When you share God's Good News with others, don't skip the small print. (page 1389)

A part of holistic balance is living in ways which honor the full Counsel of God's precious Word even when there's temptation to *pick and choose* only portions of His full revelation. May we honor our God Most High by faithfully handling (and sharing) His Word ... the **full** Counsel thereof.

A concluding prayer ...

Lord God, we bless and praise Your holy name. Thank You so for Your written gift to us – Your glorious Word. Thank You for protecting Your message – especially the message of Your incarnate son, Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. We honor Him. We do so in part by rightly dividing Your written Word. Help us, Most High, to be careful to share its full Counsel. And Father, if there's one reading this article who does not currently know You, may You prompt this one to seek Your Good-News message of glorious, eternal Hope in Your dearly beloved Son. In Jesus Christ's name we pray, amen.

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