

1) Belt of Truth – Renew your Mind:

20 Defending the Faith Fiery Darts

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➔ 20 Divine Weapons

<p>Is the Bible real?</p> <p>All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. <i>2 Timothy 3:16</i></p>	<p>➔ The Bible has complete evidential proof to support its validity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thousands of fulfilled historical prophecies - Writings had to be apostolic (by an apostle or close to Jesus) - Historical documents back up its content (80-200AD) - Archeological remains verify Bible accounts - Early church councils selected infallible books
<p>Weren't the men who wrote the bible fallible?</p> <p>They had to be an apostle or very close to Jesus</p>	<p>➔ No, because their writings were inspired by the Holy Spirit</p> <p>But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is <i>a matter</i> of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. <i>2 Peter 1:20</i></p>
<p>Did Jesus really exist and was He really crucified?</p> <p>He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. <i>John 1:2-5</i></p>	<p>➔ Yes, historical manuscripts prove it.</p> <p>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. <i>John 1:10-11</i></p>
<p>How can money be the root of all evil when we need it to pay our bills?</p> <p>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <i>Luke 12:34</i></p>	<p>➔ Only the love of money is evil, not money itself.</p> <p>Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." <i>Hebrews 13:5</i></p>
<p>How could Christianity be good if so many Christians killed people in the crusades, Natzi Germany, etc.?</p> <p>Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. <i>Romans 13:1-2</i></p>	<p>➔ There are always false religious people in every sect doing the work of the enemy.</p> <p>For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. <i>Romans 13:3-4</i></p>

<p>Failure It is certain that death ruled because of one person's failure. It's even more certain that those who receive God's overflowing kindness and the gift of his approval will rule in life because of one person, Jesus Christ. <i>Romans 5:17</i></p>	<p>➔ Success He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless... <i>Proverbs 2:7</i></p>
<p>False Teachings I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you. <i>Galations 5:10</i></p>	<p>➔ True Teachings Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. <i>1 Timothy 4:1</i></p>
<p>Foolishness The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <i>1 Corinthians 2:14</i></p>	<p>➔ Wisdom The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly. <i>Proverbs 15:14</i> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <i>James 1:5</i></p>
<p>Ignorance "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests;..." <i>Hosea 4:6</i></p>	<p>➔ Knowledge The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out. <i>Proverbs 18:15</i> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. <i>Proverbs 1:7</i></p>
<p>Inattentive If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame. <i>Proverbs 18:13</i></p>	<p>➔ Listening Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand! <i>Matthew 11:15</i> If you stop listening to instruction, my child, you will turn your back on knowledge. <i>Proverbs 19:27</i></p>
<p>Instability When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily. But wise and knowledgeable leaders bring stability. <i>Proverbs 28:2</i></p>	<p>➔ Stability And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, <i>and</i> strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD <i>is</i> his treasure. <i>Isaiah 33:6</i></p>
<p>Irresponsible And we exhort you, brothers: warn those who are irresponsible, comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <i>1 Thessalonians 5:14</i> Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. <i>1 Timothy 5:8</i></p>	<p>➔ Responsibility When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" <i>Matthew 27:24</i></p>

<p>Lies There are six things which the LORD hates..... Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, A false witness <i>who</i> utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers. <i>Proverbs 6:16-19</i></p>	<p>→ Truth ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. <i>John 14:6</i> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <i>John 1:17</i></p>
<p>Mindlessness But they were filled with mindless rage and began debating with one another what they would do to Jesus. <i>Luke 6:11</i></p>	<p>→ Renewal of Mind Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. <i>Romans 12:2</i></p>
<p>Spending For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. <i>1 Timothy 6:10</i></p>	<p>→ Saver On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. <i>1 Corinthians 16:2</i></p>
<p>Taker I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. <i>Acts 20:35</i></p>	<p>→ Giver Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver. <i>2 Corinthians 9:7</i></p>
<p>Unawareness ...and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <i>Mathew 24:39</i></p>	<p>→ Awareness Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? <i>Romans 2:4</i></p>
<p>Undisciplined And we urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the undisciplined, comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all. <i>1 Thessalonians 5:14</i></p>	<p>→ Disciplined But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. <i>1 Corinthians 11:32</i> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. <i>2 Timothy 1:7</i></p>
<p>Unmotivated Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." <i>John 6:27</i></p>	<p>→ Motivated Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <i>Colossians 3:23</i> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <i>Hebrews 10:24</i></p>
<p>Workaholic For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. <i>1 Timothy 4:8</i> ""There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a sabbath to the LORD. <i>Leviticus 23:3</i></p>	<p>→ Prioritizer But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <i>Matthew 6:33</i> Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives. <i>Titus 3:14</i></p>