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of GRACE

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The dilemma is that we need to make a choice between two alternatives that are both biblically true.

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Matthew 6:7

When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.

Matthew 6:8

**Don't be like them, for your
Father knows exactly what you
need even before you ask him!**

The Other Side of the Coin



Matthew 7:7

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

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For everyone who asks, receives.

Everyone who seeks, finds. And

to everyone who knocks, the

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Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:1

Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

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Personal Cowardice

Religious Vanity

Principle #4

Parallel truths derived from the Bible are a part of the character of the active, living, breathing Word of God, because it is a double-edged sword to all.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Hebrews 4:13

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

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Principle #5

Appropriately handling Parallel Truths derived from the Bible requires us to personally study the Bible; which stimulates right thinking, challenges us to holy living, and reveals the Voice of God in our dilemma.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Principle #6

Parallel truths found in the Bible are meant to be navigated and brought into balance by Holy Spirit led critical thinking.

Psalm 1:1

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

Psalm 1:2

But they delight in the law
of the Lord, meditating on it
day and night.

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When it comes to discerning and choosing between Parallel truths, it ultimately comes down to knowing the Father's heart and understanding the correlation between the Letter of the Law and Spirit of the Law.

Matthew 5:43

You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy.

Matthew 5:44

But I say, love your enemies!

**Pray for those
who persecute you!**

Matthew 7:6

Don't waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don't throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you.

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