

# The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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## Many Advisors

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**Proverbs 11:14**, "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers." NIV

**Proverbs 15:22**, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." NIV

**Proverbs 20:18**, "Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance." NIV

**Proverbs 24:6**, "Surely you need guidance to wage war, and victory is won through many advisers." NIV

We are in the middle of a spiritual battle (See **Ephesians 6:10-20**) and the young preacher Timothy was called to fight the good fight (**1 Timothy 6:12**).

So, if we want victory in this spiritual battle, Proverbs says we'll need to seek advice and guidance from "many advisors."

When I was 18 my father could have trained me in the ministry and the Bible himself. He was a teacher and president of a seminary. And yet He sent me off to Cincinnati Bible College. Why? He wanted me to have "many advisors" not just him.

He didn't want me to be a parrot of him but to think for myself. He wanted me to hear many sides, many views, and develop critical thinking skills. He wanted me to have the influence of

many advisors who were experts in areas he was not.

It is cults and false teachers who want to limit your instruction to their teaching alone. Maybe someone brought you to Christ and taught you; that is great but do not limit yourself to only one advisor.

**Proverbs 18:17**, "The first *one* to plead his cause *seems* right, until his neighbor comes and examines him." NKJV

No one person (especially me) can be right about everything or excel in every area. You need a broad range of influence if you want victory.

You cannot make a right choice until you have heard all sides. And an expert in one area may not be an expert in another.

Surround yourself with many advisors. Sit under the teaching and training of many teachers. Have many teachers, read many books, listen to many preachers, and have many advisors.

For those who want to go into ministry, this is the advantage of a Bible college (if it's a good one). You will have many advisors.

You want to win souls?  
Find a soul winner and have them train you!

You want to learn the Bible?  
Find scholars and have them teach you!

You want to learn leadership?  
Find an effective administrator and have them train you!

You want to know how to inspire people?  
Find an inspiring person and have them train you.

This is why God gives Elders to pastor a church. We need many teachers, not just one.

When you make your plans, develop your skills, solidify your beliefs, have many advisors.

### WARNING:

Once you come to realize someone is a false teacher, you know their advice is bad and you should avoid it and be suspect of all they say.

There is no value in listening to lies and false teaching unless it is to refute it.

Have many GOOD advisors, not many evil advisors.