

## **Sit and Snuff or Stand and Fan Ps. 1; Rom. 10:17-21; Eph. 6:13**

The coloured beads on a witnessing bracelet represent our Christian walk.

Black-our sin, Red-Christ's blood, White-cleansing, Green-growth, Gold-heaven.

What's the green in your life? Where are you growing? Who is struggling in their walk with God? Are you reading His word? Are you praying? Are you connected to a CARE Group? Are you meeting together with God's people? These are the things that bring growth to us as God's people. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God. Without the word of God, we have no hope. We are hope dealers. How high are you? What ladder are you on? Are you still on a step stool, or have you progressed to a stepladder or even higher? It's time for us to stand up and step up.

We all want the Lord to take us higher, but in order to go higher we first need to get closer to Him and we get closer by going deeper in His word.

We have a choice to make. We can either Sit and Snuff or Stand and Fan. If we refuse to move we will snuff out the flame that God ignited in us. If we take a stand we will fan the flame. **2 Tim. 1:6** Paul tells Timothy to fan into flame the gift that he was given.

10/31/1517. This is the date that the Protestant reformation was sparked. Martin Luther took a stand for what He believed and He taught it from the word of God. He dared to translate the Bible for the common people. And he was willing to die rather than recant. At the end of his defence he said, "Here I stand; I can do nothing else."

If we don't take a stand for something we will fall for anything. What are your convictions? Do you have the biblical knowledge to back them up? Take the following quiz and see.

\*If a friend made the following statements to you, would you have the biblical knowledge necessary to discern whether each statement is truth or error? Fill in the chart below in five minutes or less.

### Teaching

- 1) God always wants you to be happy. Truth or Error - scriptural support
- 2) God wants you to be wealthier. Truth or Error - scriptural support
- 3) God is going to punish you for your sins. Truth or Error - scriptural support
- 4) If you don't have a daily quiet time, God is not happy with you. Truth or Error - scriptural support
- 5) God allows bad things into our lives to make us more Christ like. Truth or Error - scriptural support
- 6) Skipping church on Sunday is a sin. Truth or Error - scriptural support
- 7) God is interested in a generous attitude, not the amount of your offering. Truth or Error - scriptural support
- 8) You can't serve God as effectively in a secular vocation as you can in full-time Christian ministry. Truth or Error - scriptural support

Do you have other personal convictions? Take the time to write them down, can you support them from scripture? Commit to memory verse and chapter. So that you will be able to stand... and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:13

\*Luther's Works, The Christian in Society II Walther I. Brandt/Helmut T. Lehmann