

# Human Reasoning and God's Word

## I. Introduction

A. God expects us to reason according to what His Word teaches to be true, regardless of whether it “makes sense” according to typical human reasoning. **John 17:17; Proverbs 14:12 (16:25)**

## II. Abraham's Test

A. Abraham's test concerning Isaac well-exemplifies this. Instead of second-guessing God, Abraham simply obeyed Him. **Genesis 17:5-6, 16, 21; 21:12; 22:2, 12**

## III. The Walls of Jericho

A. The conquering of Jericho also exemplifies the need to not try to out-think God. **Joshua 6:2-5, 20**

## IV. Naaman's Leprosy

A. The same is true with the curing of Naaman's leprosy. By exalting his own reasoning above God's will, Naaman seemed to think he knew better than God. **2 Kings 5:10-14**

## V. The Need for Faith

A. Unlike Naaman, Abraham and Joshua demonstrated true trust. Even though God's instruction contradicted “conventional wisdom,” they *believed* God. **Hebrews 11:17-18, 30**

## VI. The Need for Humility

A. Besides faith, accepting God's teachings without reservation also demands *humility*. **Psalms 23:1-4; Jeremiah 10:23**

## VII. The Need for Reverence

A. Similarly, accepting God's teachings demands reverence for Him. **Proverbs 1:7; Isaiah 55:9; 1 Corinthians 3:19**

## VIII. Church Discipline

A. This principle is well-exemplified today with the subject of church discipline. **1 Corinthians 5:11**

## IX. The Church's Mission

A. It is also seen in the church's mission. **1 Timothy 3:15**

## X. Our Worship

A. The church's mission is connected to our worship, which is another area that challenges our willingness to truly trust God and His plan. **Ephesians 5:19**

## XI. Family Roles

A. Not only does God give instruction in the church that contradicts typical human reasoning; He also does so in the home. **Ephesians 5:22-25**

## XII. Gender Distinctions

A. God's teaching is further contrasted with the world's reasoning when considering the subject of gender. **Matthew 19:4; Genesis 1:27; 2:20-22**

## XIII. Homosexual Conduct

A. The same is true with the subject of homosexual conduct and one's ability to repent. **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

## XIV. Sexual Immorality

A. Homosexual conduct is a type of sexual immorality, like premarital sex and adultery. **Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:9**

## XV. Genuine Love

A. Genuine love does not condone these or any sins, which further exemplifies the difference between God's teaching and the way that seems right to mankind. **Mark 10:21**