

# Balanced Christianity

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## Introduction

1. Deuteronomy 25:13-16
2. The command from God is to have a just balance
3. When we think of a balance scale then there must be equal weights on each side
4. A Christian is to be balanced Galatians 5:23
5. Yet when discussing a balanced diet, we do not think of everything being equal
6. When discussing a balanced life, not everything is equal, sleep, rest, recreation, work
7. Thus in our discussion today we talking about balanced Christianity and not going to extremes.
8. First, what balanced Christianity is not, then what balanced Christianity is

## II Discussion

1. What balanced Christianity is not
  - a. It is not straddling the fence. 1 Kings 18:21 how long will ye halt between two opinions
  - b. It is not lukewarm ness Revelation 3:15-16 it is balanced neither hot or cold
  - c. It is not compromise Matthew 11:7 John the Baptist was not a reed shaken in the wind He was not blown about by the winds of popular opinion Ephesians 5:14
  - d. Enthusiasm is not always balanced Romans 10:1-3
    - i. Perfection of self and others 1 John 1:8 Faithfulness
    - ii. Human therefore I sin excuse sin
  - e. Not being hypocritical of others Matthew 7:1-4
2. What balance is
  - a. I will respect the conscience of others 1 Corinthians 8:13
  - b. The proper concept of God Romans 11:22; 2:4-5; Nehemiah 9:17; Jonah 4:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
  - c. Issues confronting the church – What the Bible says, not what does some man or school says, the Bible is our source of authority in religion
  - d. The proper concept of money
    - i. Owe no man nothing Romans 13:8
    - ii. Giving to the church 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 as prospered 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 some are not sowing!
    - iii. Benevolence James 1:27; Galatians 6:10
  - e. Family
    - i. Head of family, Ephesians 5, 6
    - ii. Children and rod Proverbs 22:15
    - iii. Time
  - f. Evangelism
    - i. Too busy to do, don't know how to, too timid
    - ii. 1 Peter 3:15 Matthew 28:18-20
    - iii. Are we driving people away with attitude or voice
  - g. Work 1 Timothy 5:8 all the time or lazy

## III Conclusion

1. What happens when a tire gets out of balance, what about us getting out of balance
2. When we get out of balance we cannot accomplish as many things as we could and should
3. We begin to wobble and stagger, he may fall
4. The right place to be is in the Lord

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