It Is Not Enough To Be For The Right

Intro: The title of this lesson is a little misleading as we will explain later. However, it comes as a result of the same thinking and desire for all positive preaching. We do not want anything negative; we do not want to be against anything. The thinking is that we just want what is positive in nature, thus as long as we are for the right (without opposing anything) then we can be right with God.

I. WE MUST BE FOR THE RIGHT.
   A. We must be for God
      1. Mat. 22:37 “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”
      2. Mat. 12:30 “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”
   B. We must be for the truth
      1. Pro 23:23 “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”
      2. This involves every area of God’s Word.
         a. Doctrinal issues
         b. Moral issues

II. WE MUST ALSO OPPOSE CERTAIN THINGS.
   A. This is only reasonable.
      1. One cannot be for God without being against Satan.
      2. One cannot be for the truth without be against error.
      3. Mat. 6:24 “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”
   B. The Scriptures confirm this.
      1. Psa. 97:10 “Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.”
      2. Psa. 119:104 “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.”
      3. Amos 5:15 “Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.”
      4. Rom. 12:9 “Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.”
      5. 1 The. 5:21-22 “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.”
      6. Heb. 1:9 “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”
   C. Scriptures Illustrate this; Rev. 2:12-16 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”

III. WE MUST TAKE A STAND AGAINST ERROR.
   A. There is the temptation to be for the right, but not take a stand against error.
B. The Bible shows we must sound forth a warning.

1. Isa. 62:1 “For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.”

2. Eze. 3:18-21 “When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 20Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 21Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.”

C. We must sound forth a warning today:

1. Concerning doctrinal matters.
2. Concerning immorality.
3. That also includes sounding out a warning concerning the individuals who teach and practice such.

Conclusion: We must be balanced with both positive and negative; for and against. We must present the whole council of God; Acts 20:27 “For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.” We must be for the proper things and against the proper things. If we are not against what God is against, we are not really for God.