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John 10:26-30

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Warnings against straying

Do not engage in "vain discussion"

- I Timothy 1:3-7 "... wandered away into vain discussion"
- Romans 10:11-21 "... faith comes from hearing"
- I Timothy 6:20-21 "... by professing it some have swerved from the faith"

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Maintain an appetite for the whole truth

- Il Timothy 4:1-5 "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching"
- Acts 20:26-27 "... I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God"
- John 8:31-32 "If you abide in my word, are truly my disciples"
- Matthew 13:14-15 "... understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them"

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Turn away from all false doctrines

- Il Timothy 2:15-19 "who have swerved from the truth"
- II Peter 3:14-18 "take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people ..."
- Mark 7:6-9 "You leave the commandment, of God and hold to the tradition of men"

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Keep your priorities straight

- I Timothy 6:6-10 "... we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world"
- Matthew 6:19-21, 25, 33-34 "... lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... do not be anxious about your life ... seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness"

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Isaiah 53:1-12 – "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all"

I Peter 2:25 – "... you were straying like sheep, but have now returned ..."

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Turn toward God

Hear the Word of God

 James 1:21 – "... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

• I John 3:23-24 – "... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ..."

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Repent of your sins

 Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

• Romans 10:9-10 – "... with the mouth one confesses and is saved"

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Be immersed in water

• Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized every one of you ..."

Remain faithful

• I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain"

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