



STUDY GUIDE

Are you in [balance] with God?

Get Balanced with God

Romans 12:2

3 LAWS OF BALANCE

1. Maintain a Reference Point
 2. Constant Corrections
 3. Clear Objective
- Weave these three laws into your thinking about God
 - **What immediately happens when you fall out of balance with God...NOTHING**
 - It's not like Pinocchio...your nose doesn't grow
 - Where there are immediate consequences we as humans do something about it
 - You can go years out of balance with God and not know it
 - **Genesis 6:3** - "God will not contend with flesh forever" (*He ain't putting up with it*)
 - God works with the Law of Harvest
 - Sow now for later and greater
 - Two farmers can go out, one sow and the other doesn't...a week later you can't tell the difference between the two
 - God doesn't follow the Law of Fairness (but Favor)
 - Not respecter of person
 - Fair is when someone else controls
 - Favor is what you control through obedience



- The more God you (think you) have, the easier it is to stay out of balance
 - **Mark 4:12**
 - Pharisees: hearing but not understanding or otherwise they would get right
 - Think we got it all together

 - Want to know if you are in balance? Check your checkbook balance
 - Where your treasure is where your heart is
 - God doesn't want your treasure, He wants your heart
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3 LAWS OF BALANCE DETAILED

1. Maintain a Reference Point (Not Conformed To World)

- a. Like a cheerleader on top of pyramid
- b. Seek first the Kingdom of God
- c. Don't lean on your own understanding
- d. John 15:4 Remain in me,
- e. 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 - Hardships but focused on God
- f. 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 - Pressed but not crushed**
- g. Never take your eye off where you're going?
- h. I need to know where I am going

Apply:

What are some things that are causing you to lose focus on God?

Name 3 things you can and will do to re-focus your relationship with God.



2. Constant Corrections (Transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing)

a. 2 Corinthians 13:5 / Lamentations 3:40

- i. Are you in faith (Peitho pi'-tho: persuaded)
- ii. "Examine (Dokimos <dok'-ee-mos>: accepted/approved) yourselves..."
 - 1. Like money in ancient times that was metal heated and molded; rough edges shaved; some counterfeit
- iii. Recognize (cognitive – mindset) (Ginosko <ghin-occe'-ko>: to know/understand; Jewish phrase for intercourse)
- iv. Fail – not approved; coming up short
 - 1. **John 6:5-9 (think you have nothing OR not recognizing what you have)

b. Test like walking across a tight rope

- i. Something pulling you out of balance one way, you need opposite force pulling you back (example with 3 people)

c. Galatians 5:17 NLT

- i. "Flesh opposes the spirit constantly" - your mind is in middle

d. *Colossians 3:1-5 AMP**

e. Proverbs 3:5-6 We are leaning (out of balance) when using our own understanding

f. Proverbs 3:12

- i. "For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights."
- ii. Psalms 94:12-13 "Blessed is the man whom You instruct

g. Can't go from faith to faith (level to level) if you out of balance....wobbly foundation

- i. Build your house on rock not sand

Apply:

Why do you think it is hard **to stop leaning to our own understanding?**



3. Clear Objective (Discern what is the will of God – think like God)

a. What is the point (objective)

i. To do the will of God

b. Romans 6:13

i. Not

1. instruments of sin (separation from God / outside of His will / our way instead of God's)

a. sin is not the temptation, sin is the yielding

ii. Be

1. instruments (*greek- Hoplon: arms used in warfare*)

2. of righteousness (*deiknuo <dike-noo-o>: show / expose to the eyes*)

a. *Tell yo-yo story (kid using his "talent" to help)*

c. Colossians 1:9-10 (NIV) (AMP)

i. What / Where

1. God will FILL (assuming you're empty of self) you with

a. the KNOWLEDGE (*root: full discernment; recognize*) of His will

i. not your understanding will have you leaning out of balance

ii. How

1. Through ALL WISDOM (*expert*) and UNDERSTANDING (*put together*)

a. **Not like Pharisees (how Phar I See)** (hearing but not understand)

2. Prov. 24:3 – wisdom (spirit) builds and understanding (truth) establishes

iii. Who

1. that the SPIRIT GIVES

a. you don't have to purchase – it belongs to you as a joint heir with Christ (remember joint checking account)

b. You got to connect (join) with Christ (the Word of God)



iv. Why

1. so you live (walk) a WORTHY life
 - a. worthy: having great merit, character, or value
 - b. *worthy: person notable or important in a particular sphere (kingdom dominion)*
2. PLEASE God
 - a. w/o faith it's impossible to please Him
3. BEARING (birthing so pain) FRUIT in every
 - a. *bearing: the act of enduring or capacity to endure*
4. GROWING (never finished) in knowledge
 - a. As you use knowledge you get more knowledge of God

d. Reason to Want His Will

- i. Think, hear, see like God, then we can produce like God.
 1. How Adam was created to be

ii. 1 John 5:14-15

- e. Ultimately so that even when a situation arises you are focused on God, listening to the Holy Spirit and correcting yourself as needed, so that you may be guided into the practical things to do.

CONCLUSION

Challenge:

Track your "balance":

- For 1 week track how you spend your time. Account for anytime that uses more than thirty minutes
- What corrections do you think you need to make?

