

## **I. CONTEXTS & TEXTS**

### **A. FEEDING OF THE FOUR THOUSAND**

**B. DEMANDS OF UNBELIEF** (Mt.16:1-4 (12:38,39); Mk.8:11-13; Lk.11:16,29 (12:54-56); Jn.6:30)

**C. WARNING AGAINST THIS INFLUENCE** (Mt.16:5-12; Mk.8:14-21; Lk.12:1)

**D. FORMATIVE INFLUENCE OF RELIGIOUS & POLITICAL HYPOCRISY** (Mk8:15; Mt16:12; Lk12:1)

## **II. LEAVEN: A POWERFUL INFLUENCE**

**A. WORK: BEYOND THE SENSES** (Mt.13:33; see Mk.4:27; 1Cor.3:7)

**B. EFFECT: POWERFUL, RELENTLESS, TRANSFORMATIVE** (Mt.13:33; Rom.11:16)

**C. FOR EVIL** (Mt.16:6-12; Mk.8:15; Lk.12:1; see 1Cor.5:6-9(Ex.12:15f,etc.); 15:33; Gal.2:13; 5:9,1f,7f)

**D. FOR GOOD** (Lev.7:13; 23:17; Amos 4:5; Mt.13:33=Lk.13:21; see Mt.12:28; Rom.14:17)

## **III. HYPOCRISY: A POWERFUL INFLUENCE FOR EVIL** (Mt.16:6,12; Mk.8:15; Lk.12:1)

**A. WORD: UNDER JUDGMENT** (ὕποκριτής; ὑπόκρισις; Lk.12:1,56)

**B. USAGE: PRETENDING, PLAYING A PART; COVERING UP** (Mk.12:13-17; see Ps.28:3; Jer.9:8)

**C. IMMORALITY: FALSE SELF-WITNESS** (Ex.20:16=Dt.5:20; Mt.15:19; Eph.4:25)

**D. TRUE DOCTRINE MASKING FALSE LIFE** (Mt.23:13-29 /Jn6:71; Acts5:3f; 20:30; 1C.5:6,1f /Gal.2:13,11f)

**E. TRUE LIFE MASKING FALSE DOCTRINE** (see Dt.13:1f; 1Tm.1:7(5); Tt.1:9; eg. Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses)

**F. LEAVEN OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS** (Mt.16:6,12; Lk.12:1; 1Tm.4:2f; e.g., Mt.15:4,5; 23:13f)

**G. LEAVEN OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS** (1Cor.5:1f,6f; 15:33; 2Cor.6:14f; Gal.5:9f,16f; see Prov.1:10f)

**H. THE UNHOLY SPIRIT** (Gen.3:1f; Ps.28:3; Jer.9:8; see Jms.3:17/15f)

## **IV. INTEGRITY: A POWERFUL INFLUENCE FOR GOOD** (Mt.13:33; Rom.14:17; 1Cor.5:8; 1Tm.1:5; 3:7; 2Tm.1:5; see Ps.15:2; 101:2f)

**A. THE HOLY SPIRIT** (Mt.13:33 w/12:28; Rom.14:17; 2Cor.6:6; see Gal.5:9/1f,16f; 1Tm.4:1f; Jms.3:17)

**B. THE WORD OF GOD** (1Pt.1:22f&2:1f; 1Tm.1:5; see Heb.4:12f)

**C. THE SIGNS OF GOD** (Acts 22:16; 1Pt.3:21; then 1Cor.11:24f; see 2Cor.5:21 w/1Cor.5:8)

**D. PRAYER** (Rom.8:26; Mt.6:5f,7f; Mk.12:40; Lk.18:9f)

**E. FELLOWSHIP** (1Cor.12:13; see 1Cor.5:6f,13 & 2Cor.2:5f; Mt.18:15f)

## **V. DON'T EAT POISON!** (Mt.16:6,12; Mk.8:15; Lk.12:1)

**A. DON'T EAT THE LEAVEN OF UNBELIEF, HUMAN TRADITION & HYPOCRISY**  
(Mt.16:6,12; Mk.8:15; Lk.12:1; see Mt.15:7,4,5; see III above)

**B. EAT THE LEAVEN OF FAITH, SCRIPTURE & INTEGRITY** (1Tm.1:5; 1Pt.1:22-2:3; see IV above)

**C. ASK JESUS TO EXPOSE & CORRECT YOUR HYPOCRISY** (Mt.22:18,15f; Heb.4:12; see IV above)

**D. BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF SELF-RIGHTEOUS PUBLICITY** (Lk.12:1; see Mt.6:1,2f)

**E. BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF SELF-RIGHTEOUS SEVERITY** (Lk.12:1; see Mt.7:5,3f; Lk.18:9f)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)