

**Introduction:**

**I. Certain Tendencies Get In the Way of Our Spiritual Progress**

**A. *The tendency to error... Matthew 16: 5-7***

1. Why were the disciples confused?
2. They were riveted upon the “bread” problem... *Mark 8: 14*

**B. *We have a tendency to read our thoughts into the words of Christ... Matthew 16: 7***

1. Make our thing, the thing...
2. What does the Bible say...
3. The unrenewed heart always does this...

**Lesson:** *see Isaiah 55: 7-9*

**II. Christ and the Truth...**

**A. *Christ will always support and vindicate the truth... Matthew 16: 8***

**B. *He does not accommodate their feeble thoughts...***

**Observations:** 1. A dangerous quality of our day... “no absolute truth...”

2. Christ maintains there is absolute truth... *John 14: 6*

**Lesson:** Christ is jealous for His truth... *Jeremiah 5: 3*

**III. Unbelief is an Affront to Christ... *Matthew 16: 8-11a***

**A. *Its not wrong to take care of temporal things...***

**B. *The disciples missed the lesson of the baskets full of leftovers...***

**C. *They had little confidence in Christ’ ability to provide...***

**Lesson:**

**D. *Sin is a Reflection of our Unbelief...***

1. When reluctant to go to Christ with our sin...
2. An evil trick of the devil...

**Lesson:**

**IV. Christ Commands Doctrinal Watchfulness... *Matthew 16: 12***

**A. *The Lord directed them to beware...***

**B. *The Doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees... Both grounded in pride...***

**Application**