

Original Patterns Jeremiah 6:16-20

Bankers trained to recognize true from counterfeit by study of true currency until well known, then counterfeit will stand out as wrong.

One who knows God's original pattern well can see things Satan does to satisfy people with a counterfeit religion

The principle of the original pattern is quite common in scripture.

God knew a pattern would be needed - Knowing this pattern will show drifting so we can return

Leaving The Pattern Has Always Been A Problem

In Old Testament Israel - **Jeremiah 6:16; 18:15**

New Testament Warns Of Apostasy - **2Thessalonians 2:1-2; Acts 20:28-30**

New Testament Appeals To Return To Original Patterns

Original "Marriage" Model

Matthew 19:4-9

Man had drifted from the original model

Jesus called for return to original before man's alterations - **1Corinthians 7:2-3, 10-11**

One man, one woman for life as from the beginning

Original "Gospel" Model

1Corinthians 15:1-2

Departures from believing in the resurrection from the dead - **1Corinthians 15:13-14**

Paul calls a return to full original message without man's additions - **Galatians 1:6-12; 3:1**

Gospel is focused on resurrection promise

Original "Church" Model

Acts 11:22-26; 2Thessalonians 2:14-15

Copied the original churches of Judea.

In willingness to suffer for Christ.

In church organization and work.

Not recreation; entertainment; social or political reforms

But, preaching the message of the cross

Proclaiming salvation through the resurrection of Jesus

Encouraging worship and edification - **Acts 2:42-47**

Continuing the apostolic traditions - **2Thessalonians 3:6-9**

Church is for souls, not bodies

Original "Supper" Model

1Corinthians 11:23-26

Church at Corinth changed the purpose and emphasis of the Supper as Jesus originally planned it.

Paul called for a look at the original model in order to return to mark.

Lord's Supper keeps our focus on Christ

Original "Zeal" Model

Acts 8:4; 1Thessalonians 1:5-7

Danger was present to slip back.

Must bring back into focus what was really important - **1Thessalonians 2:13**

Diligence and work are expected of God's People

We Have Patterns To Follow

We must make certain that we are following God's pattern. - **Exodus 25:8-9; 2Corinthians 13:5**

Are you following the Original Pattern?