

## **A LITTLE LEAVEN (Galatians 5:9)**

There are many scripture references as well as Jewish tradition that tell us that the use of the word leaven throughout the bible refers to sin. It all started in Egypt and the Passover time for Israel.

**I Corinthians 5:7-8** Within these two verses God covers some history and tradition of the Jewish nation, how He ties a Jewish feast to His New Testament church, personal sin as well as church discipline, and why the church today is more weak and powerless than it has ever been.

### **The Leaven Of Compromise**

**John 12:42-43** The nature of man has never changed toward God. From Adam until today people would rather have the praise and favor of people rather than identify with God and take a stand.

**II Timothy 4:2-4** We are living in a time when bible prophecy is fulfilled constantly before us. The church begins to compromise and loses God's power in order to get more numbers and keep people 'happy in the Lord.' 1. It always starts with changing the music 2. It then turns its back on the right bible, KJ 1611 3. Soon the dress standards go 4. Then the message changes from conviction to feel good 5. Finally the salvation message changes to encompass everyone that recognizes there is a God.

### **The Leaven Of Contemporary Music**

**Romans 12:2; I John 2:15-17** Contemporary Christian music is worldly music. CCM openly and proudly uses any type music in the service of God and refuses to separate from music that is openly used in the worship of the flesh and the devil, including blues, country, jazz or rock'n roll.

**II Timothy 4:3** CCM is also the music that supports and encourages the ecumenical movement. CCM is at home in all contemporary Christian churches, Catholic churches, Pentecostal churches, New Age churches, Emergent churches, Non-denominational churches etc.

### **The Leaven Of False Doctrine**

**Matthew 7:15; 16:6, 12; Jude 3-4** Jesus and others within the New Testament speak often of false teachers bringing false doctrine into the church. The only way to determine false doctrine from truth is to have the knowledge, wisdom and understanding of scripture (**II Tim. 2:15**). Some false doctrine: Name it and claim it – Health and Wealth gospel. 2. New Age gospel- a belief requiring one to look inside of self for enlightenment, wisdom, and power through experience that requires no repentance, no salvation, no savior and no God. 3. Emergent church doctrine- experience over reason, spirituality over doctrine and absolutes, feelings over truth, justice over salvation, and social action over eternity. 4. Any church, denomination or cult that teaches true salvation through the gospel plus any work we must do.

### **The Leaven Of Pride**

**I Corinthians 5:4-6; 11:28-30** These verses show the arrogance and stupidity both of this church and the church members. It is an example of a church that acts like they had so much love for sinners that they never preached or taught against sin because they believed as long as you go to church all is well.

**Revelation 3:14-18** Here we have the wealthy church of today with thousands of members that come to church with no burdens and leave without any conviction of sin or compassion for the lost.

### **The Leaven Of Lethargy**

**I Thessalonians 5:5-6** Spiritual lethargy is basically spiritual laziness in our service to God.