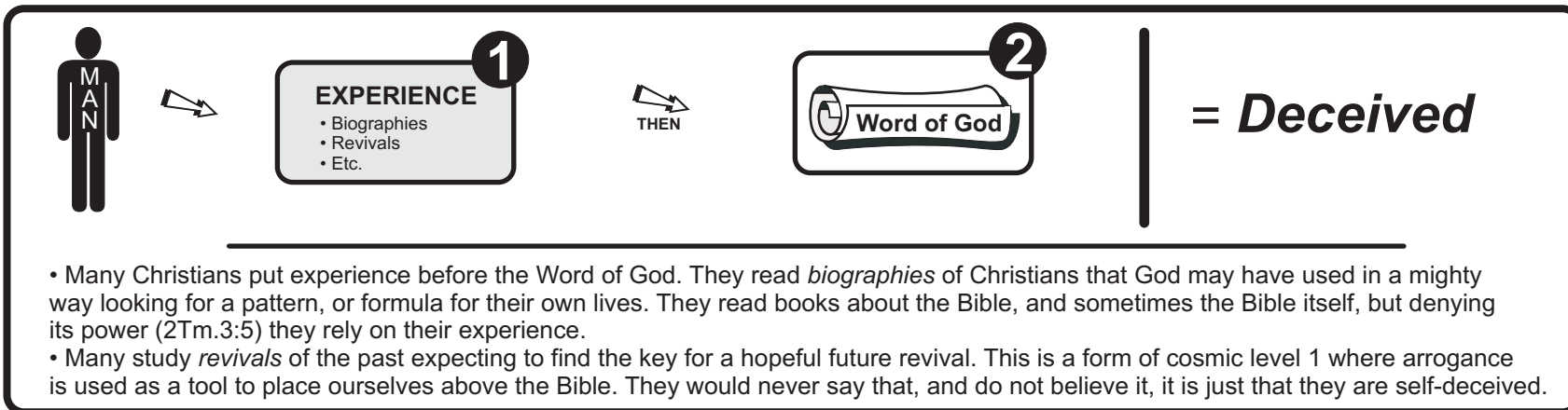
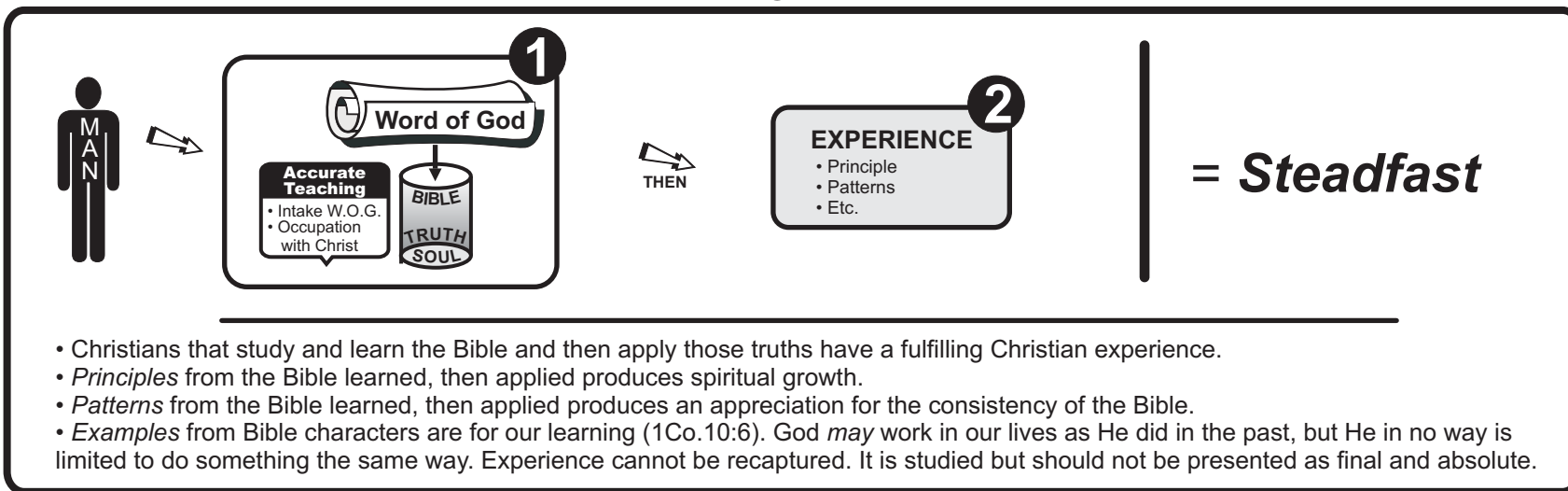


Human Experience and the Bible

The following concepts are intended for those who say they believe in Christ, and claim the Bible as their final authority in matters of faith. Those who are not believers are not considered on this chart. Their need is to believe on Christ alone. Thus these are Christian experiences.



OR



TRUTH and EXPERIENCE

Bible truth is priori, that is independent of or prior to experience. It is true even if we do not experience them ourselves. There are those, with possible good intentions, who speak of "sensible experience" that may contradict Scripture as an argument against interpreting the Bible naturally or literally. This places their experience as their final authority and places the Bible subordinate to experience. But experiences differ tremendously. Satan's cosmic system has many experiences that pass as religion, even taking on the name of Christ. The biggest hindrance to learning truth is the presumption that we already have it.

SUMMARY

We should not follow the dictates of our own experience or of others'. They can be deceitful guides. Many Christians are so subjective in their approach to the Christian way of life that they make up things using biblical terms but without a contextual understanding. Our experience must be based on Bible doctrine, not on the subjective experiences of other believers. God is not to be limited to the experiences of others as a formula for us. God is not limited to a specific way of doing things. To try to take the foundations out from under the authority of the Bible and place them on the quicksands of human experiences is the very heart of the anti-christ work of Modernism.