

LOGIC 1

Dear FBC family,

In an effort to fight against the growing irrationality in government, society, and among believers (even doctrinal believers), I have decided to include a mini-lesson on logic with each DDR and updated FBC prayer list that I send out.

Logic lesson #1 (Outline for all of logic: three acts of the mind-1):

From the viewpoint of logic, there are three kinds of thought, three “acts of the mind.”

1. Simple apprehension (concepts, terms, words, “man”).
2. Judging (propositions, declarative sentences, “Socrates is a man”).
3. Reasoning (arguments, paragraphs where we have at least two or more declarative sentences, “All men are mortal, and Socrates is a man, therefore Socrates is mortal.”)

All logic revolves around these three acts of the mind. To make a good argument, each of the three acts must have integrity. To attack someone else’s argument, you must find errors in one or more of the three acts: in the term, the proposition, and/or the argument. Understanding logic is not only critical in understanding our times, it is essential to having correct views about God and Bible doctrine. Logic is main tool that can protect you from false thinking in those who have influence over you—be they pastors or politicians.

Quiz: identify which of the following is term (act #1), proposition (act #2), or argument (act #3)

1. Everyone in America.
2. I think, therefore I am.
3. God exists.
4. Everyone.

I will provide the answers in the next logic lesson.

In ‘Ehyeh,

Pastor Don