

Sound Doctrine: 1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy & Titus

Teach No Other Doctrine

1st Timothy 1:3-4

What is <u>sound doctrine</u>? Teaching or instruction that is: • Sound, well, good health • Free from mixture of error • Strong & healthy	1. <u>Identify</u> sound doctrine a. The Holy Spirit's influence & discernment b. The Fruit c. The Logic d. The Nutrition i. Flesh or Spirit ii. Vain or humble e. The Messenger i. "Consider the source" ii. Container dirty, clean 2. <u>Learn</u> sound doctrine 3. <u>Live by</u> sound doctrine 4. <u>Defend</u> sound doctrine
[Pray] :3 Paul told Timothy he needed to remain in Ephesus...<u>why</u>?	The Ephesians needed someone who was <u>spiritually</u> mature and had <u>sound doctrine</u>
Timothy might not have planted the churches himself, But he rebuilt them <u>healthily</u> <u>With sound Doctrine & sound leadership</u> Sound doctrine builds sound leadership Sound leadership guards sound doctrine	<u>Staying or going?</u> Timothy might not have wanted to stay <u>This wasn't an easy assignment</u> <u>Hard to confront these situations</u> • Head on • Immature believers might see as divisive • Not see the problem themselves • Resistance from those who are bad influences <i>Frustrating to be sound and struggle and see fakers prosper</i>

Endurance is <u>required</u> to teach sound doctrine	And reach a people who are hard of <u>spiritual</u> hearing
Timothy late 30's early 40's 1 Timothy 4:12 - Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Age doesn't equal maturity But age should be accompanied by it <i>"Fellow kids" meme</i> • Many young who are spiritually mature • Many old who are spiritual babies	Hebrews 5:12-14 - For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
His spiritual warfare mission? <u>Order</u> others to not teach false doctrine <i>This isn't a suggestion for leadership</i> <i>Leadership <u>must</u> have sound doctrine</i> The one place you should expect it is in the leaders at church <u>Christian, Your #1 priority</u> for finding a church, letting someone teach you is: • Not how nice they are (that's good) • Not how good X ministry is • But if what they teach is true & healthy: Biblically sound <i>Is it any wonder people are looking elsewhere for truth? Christianity has failed because it has failed to uphold the Word of God</i> <i>Honor of teaching God's Words</i>	Ephesians letter (either right after or before) • Christian unity, Jew & Gentile • Christ above all, head of the church • Salvation is gift of grace through faith • Holy living and spiritual warfare <i>Probably gives more insight into the falsehoods being spread (but more next week, too)</i> <u>Not everyone, but some</u> The some in error seemingly outnumbered the few not <i>Conversation with young man in ministry</i>

Not from without, but within! <i>Preaching The Word pp. 26</i> • Unnamed here, but known • Others named elsewhere • Warned about it would come from within (Acts 20:30) • Qualifications, discipline and apparently replacement <i>Next time: what they taught and did in error</i> Home fellowships need good accountable leaders <i>Home fellowships good, but need at least someone sound leading, and church leadership needs to have an idea of what's going on</i>	What the pulpit preaches, matters What the church endorses, matters If the leadership is lax The people will be far more so <i>Friend's text about youth group & movie</i> <i>Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God...not someone else's ideas, words, foolishness and conspiracy .</i> <u>Weeds choking out the word.</u> <i>Good teachers live what and from they teach</i> <i>Chewing cud, mama, taking own medicine</i>
Even Jesus didn't teach his own ideas John 7:16 - Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.	It's essential to the gospel and the health of the church to teach and stand on sound doctrine The church needs to be the place where one can reliably find sound doctrine
Ephesus had become a hot bed for false teaching <i>False != unpopular</i> <i>False != unboring, unstimulating</i>	Different areas known for different things • Bible belt • Catholicism in NE • Mormons in Utah • <i>Strange doctrine? No doctrine</i>
The problem with people wrapped up in false doctrine is that they're so convinced it's not false Despite the evidence Despite those in leadership instructing otherwise <u>This is not an easy task</u>	<i>NY family with false doctrine, homegroup</i> • Effort to unlearn • Come out of cults • Lots to unpack • Paul in wilderness for 3 years <u>Better to learn right from the start</u>

:4 fables - myths, <u>fiction</u> We love our fables! <i>LOTR, superhero movies, Odyssee, Braveheart, Shakespeare</i> Genesis 6, nephilim, men of renown Greek/Roman gods and demigods Many old myths and legends inspired by real events, people and creatures <i>Kraken, sea serpent, big foot, ufos? The truth is out there!</i>	People much prefer putting their faith in fables than the real Escapism, looks spiritual but really just the flesh pretending All the gods of the roman empire Catholicism praying to saints, turning statues upside down in their yard to sell the house Instead of just having a relationship with Jesus and asking him to sell it That would require real accountability Real surrender
The Israelites couldn't let go of myths • Egyptian gods & practices • Wanted to be like godless neighbors • It's why they wanted a king • <i>"Americans" wanting to be more like Europe as if they're enlightened</i> The church is no different. • Wordly inspiration in practice • In dress, language, behavior • Run the Bride like a Business • Know more about the Marvel Cinematic Universe than the Creator of the Actual Universe Wanting amazing movie posters of David, Moses, the Apostles! <i>Inklings</i>	Nothing inherently wrong with enjoying a decent movie, having a hobby, being interested in sports facts and figures <u>Sound doctrine requires putting away spiritual legends,</u> old wives tales, the apocryphal books, false gospel letters <i>Chosen - just making stuff up, and people take it as the gospel - especially unbelievers Filming with F-ICE sticker</i> <i>Gospel of John, Matthew, etc. just did verse by verse, was so amazing</i> <i>But people won't sit around for that. We love our spiritual junk food!</i>

spiritual fables going around in pentecostalism, NAR The Ephesians? • Endless genealogies • Concerning who came from whom • Where the authority it • Bloodlines that don't really matter <i>False teachings of Jesus being married, wedding at Cana was his</i> <i>Mysticism, ideas that Jesus was just a spirit or just a body</i>	<i>Ideas that knowledge was the way to salvation (gnostic) and not grace</i> "Silly distractions" DG • <i>Dangerous to drive as a teenager with friends in the car</i> • <i>Full of silly distractions</i> • <i>Telling my kids to calm down in the car for a second because I'm backing out in a busy lot, or merging onto a busy road</i> "Where Bible is silent I will be silent" Chuck Smith
Some odd things in the Bible • Nephilim • Satan looking for Moses' body • Some peeks behind the spiritual veil Slight glimpse means not the focus <i>Podcasts full of the nephilim but not so many on the resurrection of Jesus</i> Bible shines a huge light on • Sin • Salvation • sanctification/living rightly • Knowing Jesus for real <u>Spend the appropriate time on the appropriate subjects</u> A little time on the nephilim, a lot on Jesus And if it's one or the other... it's going to be Jesus <i>Honestly, don't we barely have enough time for even just Him?</i>	Fruit? A bigger distraction, fighting! <i>Spend our time arguing over silly myths instead of being made stronger in the truth</i> <u>Healthy disputes are important</u> Proverbs 27:17 - As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. <u>Right place, right time</u> <i>Diner argument - even if we were edified, harmed those around</i> <i>Distracted driving</i> <i>Snap out of it! The moment you realize you've been distracted</i> When we recognize it's silly... <i>The more we spend time in sound doctrine the less tolerance and desire for silly stuff</i> "OK TO SAY I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS"

Car Repair Priority list X amount of budge Y amount of needs, wants Needs tires, buying fuzzy dice and air freshener We do the same, spiritually Sound doctrine says ditch the silly, the fake, the unsure, the myths And focus on the facts, the scriptures, the actual Words of God	<i>Not be concerned about the “missing years” of Jesus between 13 and 30</i> <i>And focus on what he said between 30 and 33</i> <i>My “job” as a pastor - teach God’s word Nothing else. Not my opinion. I’ll give it. But you leaving here knowing God’s word is what matters. I don’t study to tell you what I think. I study to tell you what God thinks. Because that’s what I want to know. It’s all that matters.</i>
Fables Fumble Your Faith You put your faith in fables, oddities, the wrong little things You get spiritually weird Mature wrong, malnourished	<i>Someone getting 2000 calories but it’s all chocolate</i> You aren’t made strong When the waves come, you’re faith is shipwrecked (v19), modern term, totalled!
The great falling away 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 - Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the <u>falling away</u> comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, Deconstructionism, turning from faith why? <i>Didn’t have sound doctrine or if they did, didn’t let it lead them to Jesus</i>	Could be said that 1 John 2:19 - They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. But many turn away, fall away...because they’ve spent all their time on pointless, false, silly, immoral, wrong, junk teaching They think that’s what Christianity is <i>TBN, televangelists, sermonettes for christianettes, entertainment, seeker-friendly</i> left with nothing to sustain them or give them strength to hang on <u>No sound faith to walk by</u> <u>So they fall away</u>

**This is why it's so important as
a pastor i teach you what the
world of god says**

So you know it for yourself

**Even if i do the most amazing
job, that's an hour a week**

**Do you think that's really enough to
survive spiritually the other 167 hours in
our day and age?**

There's so many things I could teach on

Topical would skew, turn the pulpit into
always talking about cars, or the rapture, or
politics

**VBV makes sure we cover everything, in
proportion to exactly what the Bible gives**

But even then

There are things I'd talk about, or consider,
theorize on that i might mention from the
pulpit if necessary

But most likely, never teach on

Pulpit time is limited

It's important that it's sound

Your time is very valuable - you're coming
here to hear from God, not me
So i'd better give you God's Words, not
mine

*Classes, extracurricular study for a better
idea of how to evangelize those in false
doctrines, to be aware of the myths, the
arguments, etc. so you're more prepared in
spiritual battle, sure*

**But for our main objectives, main meals,
let's not waste our time on silly things
But on sound things**

Call out the false things

Strengthen our faith in the true things

In Jesus and His Word

So make sure you learn no other doctrine

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 - And I, brethren, when I
came to you, did not come with excellence of
speech or of wisdom declaring to you the
testimony of God. **For I determined not to
know anything among you except Jesus
Christ and Him crucified**