

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

Idle Talk

1st Timothy 1:5-11, Jude 1:5-19

Sound doctrine Teaching or instruction that is: • Sound, well • Free from mixture of error • Strong & healthy	1. <u>Identify</u> sound doctrine 2. <u>Learn</u> 3. <u>Live by</u> 4. <u>Defend</u>
Previously - teach nothing else, fables, endless genealogies - fleshly disputes instead of faith-filled edification	
We love to talk • <i>Sisi talking at dinner, "who are you talking to...smiles"</i> • <i>College philosophy, Jay/Drew/Vin</i> • <i>Ancient Mars hill, areopagus</i> • <i>Podcasts, the view, talk shows (80s-90s, late night)</i>	Matthew 12:35-37 - "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." <i>feel/think, talk, do</i>
We all hate when people talk about what they clearly don't know anything about Talk a good game Hypocrites - say one thing, do another Talk the talk and walk the walk	Proverbs 10:19-21 - In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little. The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom. 2 Peter 2:12 - But these [false teachers], like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption,

[Pray]

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The commandment

The scriptures! All doctrine. **Law**, prophets, wisdom, gospels, epistles

All point to the same end

God loves us. Love God. Love others.

Purpose? purify our hearts

"inward work" DG

From good conscience

(with knowledge)

what you know, are aware of

Sincere faith (not fake faith)

Putting our faith in things
that real faith requires

- *Asking God for an answer before making the decision*
- *Trusting His answer even if you don't understand*
- *Not asking God to bless your mess*
- *"Ask for forgiveness later"*

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Gal 3:1-3 - O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? **This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?**

Strayed

deviate, miss the mark, swerved

- **Potcakes, Stray dogs, roaming**
- **Not Jessie, abused, abandoned**
- *Not all who wander are lost*

Christians, like wandering sheep, start eating weird things in weird places!

Conversations with homeless, or shut in

Talking to someone who hasn't been to church in a while, they're thinking, what they're hung up on...a natural effect

Sheep have a shepherd to direct eating
Goats eat anything and everything

Sound doctrine reveals
where you spiritually belong

- **Stay in the safety of God's house**
- **Don't be spiritually homeless**
- **Don't stray into weird spiritual territory**
- *Friend on plane, easier to talk to an atheist*

Swerved Swerving road sign, 90's pants Swerving - Deviate ,miss the mark <i>Tree just jumped out in front of me!</i> <i>Sadly young lady died because she swerved to miss a deer. Sound driving might be slamming on the brakes.</i> <i>Playing chicken</i>	You need sound doctrine to be able to endure and not to swerve out of God's way for you <u>Eventually after enough swerving off the right way, you'll swerve to avoid sound doctrine</u> Sin is missing the mark Faith is hitting the mark All of scripture is meant to get you to put your faith in Jesus Anything else, is missing the mark
What have they swerved and strayed to? <u>Idle talk</u> "Vain jangling" "Empty talk" <i>"Empty" bin in the barn</i> <i>80's-90's Tabloids, batboy,</i> <i>car idling going nowhere</i> vessels of honor and dishonor (Rom 9, 2 Tim 2) Do you want to be known as an empty vessel? Spiritual air-head? Internet is full of them! Similar to last week, at best <i>"Vain speculations, analytical and entertainment...not our spiritual diet"</i> At worst - <i>destructive, empty, poison - which leads faith to be destroyed</i> Vain jangling - nana's jewelry <i>Video of people offering communion so you can not have an empty wallet</i>	Turn to Jude 1:5-19 (HW for time) Examples to avoid: Rebellious unbelief after God's deliverance Angels who rebelled against the clear truth Defiled people and teachings that mask the flesh in spiritual terms Like to claim they have insight into heaven and authorities and special rooms and keys and power They corrupt themselves trying to make themselves sound more spiritual <u>They do not have the Holy Spirit</u> They might claim God spoke, it was revelation, it's the Holy Spirit But it's clearly not to anyone in the Word Idle talk - big swelling, fancy, spiritual words - that have no real impact, no power, no fruit, no actual working of God They may be popular, rich, perform miracles But it isn't God at work

:7 Desiring to be a teacher is a good thing! • Ash, homeschool • Vin, public school • little Jacob music stand in room But being a spiritual teacher comes with a strong warning Jas 3:1 - My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.	You need to know what you're talking about first! Don't have to be an expert <i>School teachers with the lesson books</i> Just have to have working knowledge • Commitment to learning counts for a lot • Wanting to communicate the actual truth <i>What led me to the Lord? Searching for truth</i>
The best teaching comes when you know it “gnosko” Living through it, from it <i>Book smarts vs street smarts</i> <i>Seminary, school of Moses</i> <i>Paul had to unlearn the pharisees view and relearn the scriptures in the wilderness with the Lord as His teacher</i>	They haven't even thought it all the way through The implications of even applying their own teaching, what their teaching teaches Don't understand what scripture is simply saying Or how it actually works <i>Pastor Chuck, parables after 10 years</i>
Clueless! - What they say - What they put out there confidently	Remember Jesus' confident words? John 14:6

:8 All of the Word of God is good! (even the law, which shows us our bad!)	2Ti 3:16-17 - All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
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The law shows us our need for a Savior, Not our own ability to become righteous! <u>The law MUST be used rightly.</u> • <i>Use a fork or spoon as a baby</i> • <i>Showing my kids how to hold a golf club, swing a hockey stick, ride a bike, drive a car, Handle a pocket knife, power tools, firearms</i> • Even words <i>Very effective, useful when used correctly.</i> <i>Safe, responsible, builds up</i> <u>No danger.</u> <i>Used incorrectly, at best your birdhouse looks like an ashtray, at worst, get hurt, maimed, killed</i>	Sword of the spirit (Eph 6) We need to wield the word of God correctly • in what we teach, • In what we simply say Col 4:6 - [Let] your speech always [be] with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. Eph 4:29 - Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart <u>grace</u> to the hearers. <i>The Word used rightly, reveals sin, yes But provides grace to deal with it</i>
We've all been hurt (and probably hurt someone) trying to apply God's word, but using it wrongly How much more so for teachers to be skilled in God's word	All of it. Public & personal life <i>HS gym teacher out of shape</i> 1 Tim 3:6 Not a novice, new believer, amateur
:9-10a (until perjerurs) Who is the law for? The law breakers The speed limit sign tells you, the rule keeper, how fast to safely drive on the road The speed limit sign, tells the officer, at what limit someone is dangerous and breaking the law	Groupings of terms brings clarity • Lawless & insubordinate ○ Gentile, mosaic rule braker ○ Disobedient, not controlled • Ungodly and sinners ○ Don't revere God ○ Devoted to sin • Unholy and profane ○ (not separated), wicked ○ Common, vulgar, public

• Murders of parents - specific Greek ◦ Menendez brothers (murdering is bad enough), wanted estate, didn't like dad's control in life • Murderer • Fornicators pornos, male prostitute • Homosexual (defile with mankind) • Kidnapper slave trade, human trafficking • Liar faithless! • Perjurer legal liars, <i>my Mom's lawsuit</i>	False teaching, empty seeker-friendly sermonettes, vain religious talk even if they don't outright endorse sin, which many do, <u>they allow sin to saturate.</u> No real personal conviction is brought to the <u>hearer</u>.
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:10b-11 Paul "and anything else I missed?" Anything else against what? Sound doctrine <u>If sound doctrine is against it</u> <u>It's against sound doctrine</u> vain teaching And the teachers of it Are like that list 1 Sam 15:23 rebellion as sin of witchcraft <u>There's a deep relation here we cannot take for granted</u>	And false, vain, empty, foolish, unlearned, unbiblical, unsound teaching and teachers... 2Ti 3:5 - having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! People are the problem Vain jangling, teaching, words, comes from vain people False teaching, false words, come from false teachers <i>God uses people</i> <i>So does the enemy</i>
You'd turn away from the vileness in a bad movie, right? The sin flagrantly flaunted in parades in San Francisco or NY in June? The superbowl halftime show?	How much more so from unsound teaching and teachers It, and they, should be offensive to you as it is to God

Mat 15:14 - "Let [the Pharisees] alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." False teaching, unsound doctrine will shipwreck your faith, leave you stuck in a spiritual ditch, left on the side of the road, or worse, in hell for eternity <u>The basis of sound doctrine?</u> • The gospel of Jesus • His death and resurrection • His work forgiving your sin, complete at the cross • His righteousness given to you, a sinner exposed by the law Everything sound is built only on that foundation Eph 2:20c calls Jesus "the chief cornerstone" - foundation <i>"Rock that is higher than I"</i>	Paul says "committed to his trust" <u>His duty to guard sound doctrine</u> To never compromise personally, publicly, in life, speech and teaching And it cost him his life Much like John the Baptist, the other apostles, many Christians over the millennia <i>Convo with Pastor Eric, how could we do anything else but teach and pastor, knowing all the Lord is and did for us.</i> <i>"If you can do anything else, do it." Based on the gospel, on the truth and sound doctrine of Jesus and all He is and does...I cannot do anything else with my life.</i> Heb 13:7 NKJV - Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, <u>considering the outcome of [their] conduct.</u>
<u>So Christian</u> <u>Let every spiritual conversation, every teaching you listen to be based on sound doctrine</u> <u>Which will always lead you to Jesus</u> <u>Sound doctrine starts and ends with Jesus - and Jesus in the middle</u> If you don't want Jesus, find something to take you away If you do, hang on to teaching that lifts His Name, His Word, and His Works up higher than anything and anyone else	Make Him, remake Him and the gospel the <u>foundation</u> of your life Luk 6:47-49 - "Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: "He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock." But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."