

THE DOCTRINAL NOURISHMENT OF THE CHURCH (Via Sound Doctrine)

A. WHAT is SOUND DOCTRINE? (1 Timothy 1:10; 2 Timothy 4:3; Titus 1:9, 2:1)

1. The phrase “sound doctrine” literally means _____ teaching.
2. The point of the “sound doctrine” is that it refers to the _____, _____ teaching of the Word which results in spiritual _____ and _____. (John 21:15-17; 1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 4:4)

B. WHY is Sound Doctrine So IMPORTANT?

1. Sound doctrine is essential for proper _____ and _____. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

* Where does it all start?

* Why don’t some believers ever get equipped for service?

2. Sound doctrine is to be the _____ for the faithful pastor-teacher. (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

* What does God command the pastor to faithfully do?

Benefits of expository preaching

1. Encourages **correct interpretation** by consistently dealing with the verses in their context.
2. Serves to maintain the ongoing and repeated **emphases** of Scripture.
3. Forces you to teach the **whole counsel** of God and not avoid certain subjects or difficult verses.
4. Prods your listeners to interact with the **Bible**, not your man-made sermon. (1 Tim. 4:12-16)
5. Allows naturally for the correct order of understanding to transpire, first focusing on the passage and then making **applications**.
6. Discourages the teacher from resorting to his **hobby-horses** and **pet peeves**.
7. Magnifies **Scripture** as the inerrant, verbally inspired Word of God.
8. Best achieves the **biblical intent** of preaching, allowing **God** to speak, not man. (Titus 2:15)
9. Limits accusations of “pulpit-whipping” or people-targeting.
10. Allows the listener to **re-read** the passage or book **with understanding**, not having to “re-create” the sermon.
11. Brings the preacher into direct and continual contact with the mind of the Spirit, **developing the pastor/teacher** as a man of God’s Word.
12. Provides a storehouse of preaching material and helps the preacher save time in determining what to teach next time.

* If sound teaching is so important, why wouldn't a believer want sound doctrine?

3. Sound doctrine is the means to spiritual _____ . (Ephesians 4:11-16)

* What needs to be coupled with hearing the Word of God?

4. Sound doctrine is necessary for the maintaining of _____ among believers. (1 Cor. 1:10)

* "But doesn't doctrine divide?"

5. Sound doctrine is to be preserved through _____ from false teaching. (Romans 16:17-19; 2 John 1:9-10; Jude 1:3-4; Titus 1:9-11)

* How are we to respond to false teachers?

* Is it really that important to follow these instructions?

6. Sound doctrine has as its benchmark the _____, especially via Paul. (1 Timothy 1:8-11)

* How is this demonstrated in the book of Colossians?

* Galatians 1:6-9

7. Sound doctrine forms the basis for true _____ . (John 4:23-24)

* What is worship? What does true worship require?

Four Imbalances You Need to Avoid

(1) Being content with the knowledge of doctrine _____ (which only puffs up), instead of mixing truth with _____ (which builds up). (1 Corinthians 8:1-2)

(2) Being self-deceived through only _____ the Word of God, but not _____ it. (James 1:22)

(3) Being satisfied with an understanding of God's _____, but not _____ God regarding them. (Hebrews 4:2)

(4) Being doctrinally sound, but not _____ and _____ in the Lord with real worship from the heart. (Psalm 19:14)