

1 TIMOTHY

TRUSTWORTHY TRUTH

A Good Servant of Christ Jesus

⁶If you put these things before the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ⁷Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather, train yourself for godliness; ⁸for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹The

an unbeliever.

¹⁰Let a widow be enrolled if she is more than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, ¹¹and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work. ¹²But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry ¹³and so incur condemnation for having abandoned their former faith. ¹⁴Besides

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Qualifications for Deacons

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not slandered, ³not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.

Those who have the faith with a good conscience, let them also be tested as deacons if they wish to be. ¹¹Their wives must be as the Lord's church, the body of his flesh, of which he saves himself by the washing of water with the word. ¹²Let deacons, as the Lord's church, manage his household well, as he himself saves the church, to cleanse it by the washing of water with the word.

Deacons gain a good standing for themselves and for the Lord Jesus. ¹³Let the church value deacons highly as it values Christ Jesus.

Godliness

I will come to you soon, but I am writing to you so that, ¹⁵if I delay, you

yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, ¹⁶so that all may see your progress. ¹⁷Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching.

truly widows.

¹⁷Let the elders who rule well be valued as worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. ¹⁸As Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." ¹⁹Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

1 Timothy 1:1-11

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, ² To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia,

1 Timothy 1:1-11

remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine,⁴ nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

1 Timothy 1:1-11

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without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners,

1 Timothy 1:1-11

for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,

1 Timothy 1:1-11

¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

Teach Truth

Sound Doctrine honors God and blesses
His people.

False Doctrine dishonors God and hurts
His people.

2 Timothy 4:2-4

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

2 Timothy 4:2-4

³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

1 Timothy 1:3

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	UNSOUND	SOUND
	deviates from the standard	follows the standard
focus:	Speculation: Myths / genealogies / doctrinal novelties	Stewardship: the Gospel
promotes:	human achievement	divine accomplishment
fruit:	vain discussions / empty talk / pride / apostasy	love and humility

“Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right.”

-Charles Spurgeon



Teach Truth

Sound Teaching focuses on stewardship of the plan of God over the speculations of man.

Teach Truth

“KEEP THE MAIN THING, THE MAIN THING”

The main things are the plain things

Teach Truth

The gospel message is a treasure entrusted by God to men who will give an account to Him on whether they managed or dispensed it faithfully or not.

Teach Truth

Sound Doctrine sets out to teach the Bible rather than teaching *from* the Bible.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Teach Truth

The Bible is the Word of God fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts. It has been written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and it is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

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Sound teaching promotes divine accomplishment over human achievement.

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Revelation 2:1-5

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.'

Revelation 2:1-5

² "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.

³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake,

Revelation 2:1-5

and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.