

Sound Doctrine Part 1: The Bible

*“Be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the **words of the faith** and of the **sound doctrine** which you have been following. But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, **discipline yourself** for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance. For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. **Prescribe and teach these things...** **Give attention** to the public reading of Scripture... **Pay close attention** to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.” 1 Timothy 4:6-16 NASB*

Doctrine – a clear collection of **teachings** from **Scripture**.

✓ It is **God**.

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God... And the **Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory.” John 1:1-2, 14 NASB*

✓ It is **inspired** by God.

*“All **Scripture** is **inspired** by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NASB*

✓ It is **unchangeable**.

“The word of God came—and the Scripture cannot be broken.” John 10:35 NIV

*“For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last **forever** because it comes from the **eternal**, living word of God.” 1 Peter 1:23 NLT*

✓ It leads us **to Christ**.

*“For Christ is the **end** (goal) of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.” Romans 10:4 NASB*

*“These things I have **written** to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:13 NASB*

The **Old Testament**.

*"Do not think that I came to abolish the **Law or the Prophets**; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished." Matthew 5:17-18 NASB*

The **New Testament**.

*"Now these things happened to them as an **example**, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." 1 Corinthians 10:11 NASB*

"And regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction." 2 Peter 3:15-16 NASB

"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" Numbers 23:19 NASB

- ✓ Historically **proven**.
- ✓ Scientifically **valid**.
- ✓ Biblically **canonized**.
- ✓ Experientially **enjoyed**.

1. Sound doctrine gives us a foundation to build our lives upon.

"He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it." Titus 1:9 NIV

*"Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be **established** by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them." Hebrews 13:9 NKJV*

2. Sound doctrine sets us apart as followers of Jesus Christ.

*"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is **consecrated** by the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:4-5 NIV*

*"For the time will come when people will not put up with **sound doctrine**. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." 2 Timothy 4:3 NIV*

3. Sound doctrine focuses us on the purpose of God.

*"So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the **purpose** for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11 NIV*