

Sound Doctrine Part 5: Sacred Cows

*"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." 1 Timothy 4:6 NASB*

1. We **love God** more than anything else.

*"You shall have **no other gods** before Me." Exodus 20:3 NASB1995*

*"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " **Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:36-38 NIV*

2. We **lift up Jesus**.

*"You shall not make for yourself an **idol**, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." Exodus 20:4-6 NASB1995*

*"And I, if I be **lifted up** from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32 KJV*

3. We **carry his name honorably**.

*"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God **in vain**, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain." Exodus 20:7 NASB1995*

*"If you do not listen, and if you do not resolve to **honor my name**," says the Lord Almighty, "I will send a curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not resolved to honor me." Malachi 2:2 NIV*

4. We take a **day of rest**.

*"Remember the **sabbath day**, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and made it holy." Exodus 20:8-11 NASB1995*

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you **rest**. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 NIV*

5. We **respect father's, mother's & family**.

"Honor your **father** and your **mother**, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you." Exodus 20:12 NASB1995

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male** and **female** he created them." Genesis 1:27 NIV

6. We protect the sanctity of life.

"You shall not **murder**." Exodus 20:13 NASB1995

"If anyone takes a human life, that person's life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in his own image." Genesis 9:6 NLT

7. We value marriage.

"You shall not commit **adultery**." Exodus 20:14 NASB1995

"'Haven't you read,' he replied, 'that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be **united** to his wife, and the two will become **one flesh**'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'" Matthew 19:4-6 NIV

8. We steward money well.

"You shall not **steal**." Exodus 20:15 NASB1995

"Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, '**How are we robbing you?**' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me." Malachi 3:7-9 NIV

9. We tell the truth.

"You shall not bear **false witness** against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16 NASB1995

"The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who **speaks the truth** from their heart... **who keeps an oath even when it hurts**, and does not change their mind." Psalms 15:2, 4 NIV

10. We live purposefully.

"You shall not **covet** your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor." Exodus 20:17 NASB1995

"Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for **the will of God**." 1 Peter 4:1-2 NIV