



**Upon This Rock:
Persevering in Essential Christian Doctrine!**

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Text: 1 Timothy 4:1-16

Doctrine represents the _____ of the church on the core tenets of the Christian faith; it is comprised of systematic _____, which takes into account the whole of the teaching of Scripture on these core beliefs.

Passage Summary: When it comes to Christian doctrine, its importance cannot be underestimated or overstated; while it often comes with a _____, there is a profound _____ for the church and the follower of Christ who uphold the God given emphasis He has placed upon it in the Scriptures!

180 Degree Truth #1: See the clear command in Scripture to watch your _____ and _____ closely! (4:1-16)

“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

1 Timothy 4:16

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the command to watch your life and doctrine closely, it involves a commitment to...

- _____ up to the _____ of these last days! (v.1-6)

The key to sound doctrine: not developing doctrines based on _____ verses or passages of Scripture, but bringing the _____ counsel of God to bear on any given doctrine, properly interpreting those verses or passages of Scripture in their original context, with the aim of exegesis, not eisegesis.

Remember: When it comes to sound doctrine, the _____ is real, and it is _____ all around us, even in our own culture today; more than ever, God is looking for 2 Timothy 2:15 servants in every generation...

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

- _____ up the spiritual _____ that will be required! (v.7-8)

Remember: When it comes to sound doctrine, there is no substitute for a growing _____ of the _____; to be sure, some spiritual perspiration will be involved, but the benefit you reap will hold value now, while at the same time, preparing you for the eternity to come!

- _____ up a _____ in your ministry to those around you! (v.9-16)

See that raising up a standard in your ministry to those around you involves...

_____ for the sake of the message! (v.9-10)

_____ the message! (v.11-12, 15)

_____ the message! (v.13)

_____ and _____ the message! (v.13b-14)

_____ the _____ of the message! (v.16)

Remember: When it comes to sound doctrine, don't be a sitting _____ for Satan, but rather, be a moving _____, that is to say, a follower of Christ who is growing with tremendous devotion and commitment in all aspects of their Christian faith!

“Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.”

1 Timothy 4:7

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that for you, _____ and _____ will go hand in hand; that is to say, a high priority and a growing understanding of the sound doctrine that comprises the core tenets of the Christian faith will fuel a deepened, unrelenting passion to be the hands and feet of Jesus to a lost and dying world through the unchanging, uncompromising message of the gospel, leading us to the 1 Corinthians 9:16 declaration of the Apostle Paul...

“Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!”

1 Corinthians 9:16