

## Last of the Last-Days Necessity of Sound Doctrine!

Getting Us Started...

Take a Moment and in Your Own Words, Define These Terms.....



Traditionalism	Suppositionalism	Pet-Beliefs	Legalism	Popular Philosophies

**LESSON TEXT:** 2 Timothy 4:1-4 NLT.

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**LESSON INTRODUCTION:**

*“The place of the Word of God and the teaching of “Sound Christian Doctrine” play such a very important place within the Last Days! The attack against “Sound Doctrine” and the necessity for the preaching and teaching of “Sound Doctrine” is paramount, the closer we get to the Return of Jesus! There are 3-very important truths that we NEED to understand in about this “Last Days” battle for the truth! They are:*

- I. LESSON POINT #1---The Necessity of Sound Doctrine!**
  - a. Paul writes to Titus to instruct him on the importance of teaching **SOUND DOCTRINE!**

Titus 2:1---“You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.”

- a. But what exactly IS Doctrine?

**WEBSTER'S Dictionary...**

*A principle or position or the body of principles in a branch of knowledge or system of belief.*

**WORLD IQ defines it as...**

***Doctrine***, from Latin *doctrina*, (compare *doctor*), means "a body of teachings" or "instructions", taught principles or positions, as the body of teachings in a branch of knowledge or belief system.

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- a. Doctrine is **NOT** a **BAD** word!
- i. To many people in the Church, doctrine is equated with "**CONTROL.**"
- ii. It is thought to be the same thing as:
1. Intolerance
  2. Bigotry
  3. Narrow mindedness
  4. Dogmatic Rigidity
  5. And, Legalism

**II. LESSON POINT #2---False Doctrine---A Sign of The Last Days!**

**SCRIPTURE:**

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. <sup>2</sup> Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.*

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. <sup>2</sup> These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead

- a. There is an "**INTOLERANCE FOR "SOUND DOCTRINE!"**"
- i. In this world today, you can believe ANYTHING you want, so long as it is NOT "Sound True, Biblical Doctrine!"

III. **LESSON POINT #3**---How Do We “Stand” Against False Doctrine?

- a. There are 2 ways in which, as a Christian Believer, we can take a stand against False Doctrine!
  - i. The FIRST way, is the “**FRONTAL ASSAULT!**”
    1. This is where we take a stand AGAINST a list of FALSE TEACHERS and point out their errors!
    2. NOW, while we NEED to know what preachers and teachers believe and teach, the drawback to this type of “DEFENSE” is that it greatly draws away valuable time that we could be using to teach “SOUND BIBLICAL DOCTRINE!”
  - ii. The SECOND way, is the “**EXPOSURE BY LIGHT**” principle!
    1. Let me show you what this principle looks like:

**SCRIPTURE:**

**John 1:6-11** NIV.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

**John 3:18-21** NIV.

<sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

- a. We MUST know what our PREACHERS and TEACHERS are saying!
  - a. And we MUST hold them accountable to the WORD OF GOD!
    - i. Not TRADITIONALISM!
    - ii. Not SUPPOSITIONALISM!

- iii. Not personal “Pet Beliefs” and preferences!
- iv. Not LEGALISM!
- v. Not the LATEST MOST POPULAR PHILOSOPHY!

b. But to be a TRUE SHEPHERD of God,..... WE MUST BE ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD!

b. There are 2-ways in which the devil successfully uses FALSE DOCTRINE!

a. First, by getting people to believe the lies themselves!

b. Secondly, to get good meaning TRUE Believers, to spend their valuable time FIGHTING against the False Teachers, and NOT spending their time in TEACHING “Pure Doctrine!”

c. We KNOW that we are in the LAST DAYS!

d. And we KNOW that we have been warned that False Teachers would come!

a. So, the question is: ***“Do we want to spend our valuable time, fighting against these False Teachers, or Teaching Sound Biblical Doctrine?”***

b. Listen to what the Word of God says about this:

**SCRIPTURE:**

Ephesians 6:10-17 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

a. And remember, after he warned Timothy that in the Last Days there would be false doctrine and those that would RUN to it and SHUN True Doctrine, THIS is how the Apostle Paul advises His Son in the Faith to deal with that.....

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- e. The devil doesn't care HOW we miss the point, so long as we..... MISS THE POINT!
- f. He knows, that the GREATEST weapon that will COMPLETELY lay to waste False Doctrine, is the "RIGHTLY DIVIDED WORD OF GOD BEING TAUGHT IN ALL ITS TRUTH, GLORY, CONVICTION AND POWER!"
- g. He knows BETTER than some Believers the TRUTH of God's Word and what the LORD Himself said about His Word:

**SCRIPTURE:**

**Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> 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.

**Matthew 24:35 (NIV)**

<sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

**NOTES:**