Slide 3. Introduction

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Slide 4. Paul Charged Timothy. [2Ti 4:1-5 KJV] 1 I charge [thee] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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Elders: [Tit 1:9 KJV] 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Preacher: [Tit 2:1 KJV] 1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

[Tit 2:1 NKJV] 1 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

[Tit 2:1 NLT] 1 As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching.

What is sound doctrine? Wholesome Teaching.

Leqah (Leh'-kakh – Hebrew for doctrine)

Didaskalia (didaskalia - Greek for doctrine)

Doctrine - a belief or set of beliefs held and taught by a Church, political party, or other group. (Includes family)

Slide 5. Sound Doctrine - theology that is biblical, or theology that accurately reflects what God has revealed of himself in his Word. A healthy church places a premium on sound doctrine. At its root, it comes from a medical term meaning whole or healthy. Biblically sound theology (sound doctrine) then, is theology that is faithful to the teaching of the entire bible. It accurately interprets the parts in terms of the whole, and it conforms to the gospel (cornerstoneberean.org)

Slide 6. Contrary to Sound Doctrine: [1Ti 1:8-10 KJV] 8 But we know that the law [is] good, if a man use it lawfully; 9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with

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What is the impact of not having sound doctrine?

Slide 8. Discipleship Deficiencies are reflected in the thousands of interviews we conduct every year. Born Again Lives are not changed by the Power of the Spirit (Dave Kinnamon, Barna Group, 2007)

Slide 8. Christians who lack biblical knowledge are products of churches who have marginalized Biblical knowledge. (Dr. Albert Mohler, 2016)The quality of our Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible Study is critical. Daily Bible study must be encouraged.

Slide 9. [Mar 7:7-8 KJV] 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men. 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, [as] the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

[1Ti 1:3-7 KJV] 3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: [so do]. 5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and [of] a good conscience, and [of] faith unfeigned: 6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

Slide 10. [1Ti 1:3-7 NLT] 3 When I left for Macedonia, I urged you to stay there in Ephesus and stop those whose teaching is contrary to the truth. 4 Don't let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations, which don't help people live a life of faith in God. 5 The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. 6 But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions. 7 They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they speak so confidently.

The Gambler

Slide 11. [2Pe 3:16 KJV] 16 As also in all [his] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which <u>they that are unlearned and unstable wrest</u>, as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Slide 11. [2Pe 3:16 NLT] 16 speaking of these things in all of his letters. Some of his comments are hard to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstable have twisted his letters to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. And this will result in their destruction.

Slide 12. [Psa 14:1 KJV] 1 [[To the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David.]] The fool <u>hath said in his</u> <u>heart</u>, [There is] no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, [there is] none that doeth good.

[Psa 14:1 NLT] 1 For the choir director: A psalm of David. Only fools <u>say in their hearts</u>, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good!

Slide 13. [Psa 53:1 KJV] 1 [[To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, [A Psalm] of David.]] The fool <u>hath said in his heart</u>, [There is] no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: [there is] none that doeth good.

[Psa 53:1 NLT] 1 For the choir director: A meditation; a psalm of David. Only fools <u>say in their hearts</u>, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good!

What role does a good discipleship process play in teaching sound doctrine?

Slide 14&15. While younger generations do tell Barna they more heavily rely on texting and social media than older generations, in-person connection is the top way most people of all ages continue to connect with those who matter to them most. (Dec. 6, 2023)

Slide 16. Three Important Points

Our ability to create Spirit-empowered disciples hinges on our ability to disciple the truth.

The Church does not need a few more programs. The Church needs Spirit-empowered disciples.

Why? We must depend on being empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread and teach the Gospel Message.

Does God's Approval Stamp reside on your Discipleship Process?

Slide 17. [2Ti 2:15 KJV] 15 <u>Study to shew thyself approved unto God</u>, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

What is the Source of Sound Doctrine?

Slide 18. Though the triune God is the ultimate source of doctrine, He has chosen to minister doctrine to us through His prophets and Apostles in Holy Scripture. until the day when God speaks to us face-to-face in His eternal kingdom, Holy Scripture is the source and norm of sound doctrine (2 Tim. 3:16; see Mark 7:7–8). Dr. Scott Swain, Theological professor

Doctrine is drawn and measured by Scripture

Slide 19. Doctrine is drawn from Holy Scripture as from a fountain. Doctrine is measured by Holy Scripture as by a rule. Furthermore, doctrine leads us back to Scripture by equipping us to become better readers. Indeed, those "untaught" in sound doctrine are most prone to twisting the Scriptures "to their own destruction" (2 peter 3:16). Dr. Scott Swain, Theological professor

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The source of Sound Doctrine is Scripture. Always under attack by Unbelievers.

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[2Pe 1:20-21 KJV] 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost.

Source of Empowerment for Sound Teaching (Not there if your teaching is not sound)

Slide 23. [Jhn 14:26 KJV] 26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, <u>whatsoever I have said unto you</u>.

[Luk 12:12 KJV] 12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Jesus Taught Sound Doctrine

<u>Slide 24&25.</u> Unbelieving Religious people. [Mar 12:23-27 KJV] 23 In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. 24 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? 25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven. 26 And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I [am] the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? 27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

Slide 26. [Jhn 14:4-6 KJV] 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.