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**2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP)** Study *and* be eager *and* do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing *and* accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

## Instructions:

1. Print out the study guide.
2. Watch the videos at [www.epocfoundation.org](http://www.epocfoundation.org) under “The Scriptures” or visit EPOC Foundation YouTube channel (Doctrine – The Way of Life).
3. Look up each scripture (NKJV) and fill in the blanks and answer each question in the study guide. Some answers are found only in the videos. The more you put into your studying the more you will get out of it.
4. Share what you learn with someone else.
5. Send you questions or feedback to [info@epocfoundation.org](mailto:info@epocfoundation.org)

## 3 Key EPOC Foundational Scriptures:

1. **Luke 6:46** "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?  
<sup>47</sup> Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: <sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>49</sup> But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."
2. **Hebrews 6:1** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ (EPOC), let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And this we will do if God permits.
3. **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction** in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be **complete**, thoroughly **equipped** for every good work.

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## Introduction: Doctrine – The Way of Life

1. Why are the lessons at EPOC Foundation so long?
2. What is your current understanding of the importance of doctrine? How would you explain the importance of doctrine to someone else?
3. What role does doctrine currently play in your daily life?

## Part 1: A Father's Doctrine to His Son:

**Proverbs 4:1** Hear, *my* children, the \_\_\_\_\_ of a father, And give attention to know \_\_\_\_\_; <sup>2</sup> For I give you good \_\_\_\_\_: Do not forsake my \_\_\_\_\_.

What should a father give to his children?

What is a law?

**Proverbs 4:3** When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,

<sup>4</sup> He also \_\_\_\_\_ me, and said to me: "Let your \_\_\_\_\_ retain my words; Keep my \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

The father received instructions from his father and now is passing them on to his son. He took personal responsibility to learn from his father and to instruct his son.

What is a command?

What is the end result the father wants for his son?

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**Proverbs 4:5** Get \_\_\_\_\_! Get \_\_\_\_\_! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. <sup>6</sup> Do not forsake \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ will preserve you; \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ will keep you.

We have a personal responsibility to do what?

We don't just want a head knowledge of good doctrine, but we need to have a \_\_\_\_\_ with good doctrine, because doctrine is the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

**Proverbs 4:7** Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. <sup>9</sup> She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you." <sup>10</sup> Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your \_\_\_\_\_ will be many. <sup>11</sup> I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. <sup>12</sup> When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble.

Question: What are the benefits of having good doctrine?

Question: Why is the father passing down this doctrine down to his son?

**Proverbs 4:13** Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she *is* your \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>14</sup> Do not enter the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked, And do not walk in the \_\_\_\_\_ of evil. <sup>15</sup> Avoid it, do not \_\_\_\_\_ on it; Turn away from it and pass on. <sup>16</sup> For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; And their sleep is taken away unless they make *someone* fall. <sup>17</sup> For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence. <sup>18</sup> But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the just *is* like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. <sup>19</sup> The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked *is* like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.

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Define and describe “a path”?

Good doctrine is not a list of beliefs posted on a website or by a denomination, but good doctrine is a way of \_\_\_\_\_ for the individual believer.

Question: Good doctrine, as the way of life, will keep you out of what?

**Proverbs 4:20** My son, give attention to my words; Incline your \_\_\_\_\_ to my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your \_\_\_\_\_; <sup>22</sup> For they *are* \_\_\_\_\_ to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. <sup>23</sup> Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>24</sup> Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put perverse lips far from you. <sup>25</sup> Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. <sup>26</sup> Ponder the \_\_\_\_\_ of your feet and let all your ways be established. <sup>27</sup> Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

Describe the action words listed above to keep good doctrine?

Take a moment to ponder the path of your feet. Describe the path you are on and where are you heading? Is it the path of the wicked? Is it your own path? What part does doctrine influence your path?

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## Part 2: Doctrine: A Set of Truths and Commands to be Learned, Practiced, and Taught to Others

**2 Timothy 3:15** and that from \_\_\_\_\_ you have known the \_\_\_\_\_ Scriptures, which are able to make you \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for \_\_\_\_\_, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Question: How can children learn and practice doctrine?

Describe your value of the Holy Scriptures?

Question: What does EPOC mean?

Question: If I'm not equipped for a good work, what should I do?

**Luke 6:40** A disciple \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**The goal of the disciple** was to be able to state, "I have \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

In your own words describe a disciple/follower of Jesus Christ?

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## Part 3: JESUS Casts Out Devils as a Way of Life

(27 AD) **Mark 1:21** Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at His teaching, for He

\_\_\_\_\_ them as one having \_\_\_\_\_, and not as the scribes.

<sup>23</sup> Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> saying, "Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"

Define authority:

**Mark 1:25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Then

they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new \_\_\_\_\_ *is* this? For with \_\_\_\_\_ He commands even

the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

didache (noun): Act of teaching, instruction, \_\_\_\_\_, that which is taught.

**Mark 1:32** At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases and \_\_\_\_\_ and He did not allow the

demons to speak, because they knew Him.

**Mark 1:38** But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may \_\_\_\_\_ there also, because for this \_\_\_\_\_ I have come forth." <sup>39</sup> And He was preaching in

their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Bonus Scripture: 1 John 3:8...** For this \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil.

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Question: Was casting out devils a special occasion or a doctrine (way of life) of Jesus?

(28 AD) **Mark 3:14** Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,<sup>15</sup> and to have power to heal sicknesses and to \_\_\_\_\_:

Question: Jesus appointed the twelve to do what four things?

(29 AD) **Mark 6:7** And He called the twelve to *Himself*, and began to send them out two *by* two, and gave them \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 6:12** So they went out and preached that *people* should \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>13</sup> And they \_\_\_\_\_ many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed *them*.

27 AD: Jesus begins His ministry. (Timeline from biblehub.com)

28 AD: He appoints the twelve apostles to be with Him.

29 AD: He sends them out two by two.

Making disciples is more than just giving a set of bullet points to believe. Jesus lived out His doctrine in front of His disciples (they eat, slept, and traveled with Him) and He spent over a year teaching them (allowing them to ask questions) before sending them out two by two to preach and minister. Jesus taught and modeled the elementary principles of Christ:

**EPOC: Hebrews 6:1** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of **repentance from dead works** and of **faith toward God**,<sup>2</sup> of the **doctrine of baptisms**, of **laying on of hands**, of **resurrection of the dead**, and of **eternal judgment**.

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**Luke 10:17** Then the \_\_\_\_\_ returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us \_\_\_\_\_." <sup>18</sup> And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, \_\_\_\_\_ to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Casting out devils is a form of \_\_\_\_\_ battle.

## Part 4: Men Hindering JESUS's Doctrine

**Mark 9:38** Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us \_\_\_\_\_, and we forbade him because he does not follow us." <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, " \_\_\_\_\_, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

Question: What is the purpose of casting out devils?

Question: Do you need a special calling to cast out devils?

**Matthew 7:22** Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not \_\_\_\_\_ in Your name, cast out \_\_\_\_\_ in Your name, and done many \_\_\_\_\_ in Your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who \_\_\_\_\_!'

Question: Why will Jesus say to many, "I never knew you?"



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Question: Is prophesying, casting out devils and performing miracles a form of practicing lawlessness?

**Matthew 13:41** The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who \_\_\_\_\_,

<sup>42</sup> and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Question: What does it mean to “practice lawlessness”?

**Mark 16:15** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

<sup>16</sup> He who \_\_\_\_\_ and is baptized will be saved; but he who does \_\_\_\_ believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_;  
they will speak with new tongues;

Did the Great Commission only apply to the twelve apostles?

Is “Go” a suggestion or a command?

Casting out devils is a \_\_\_\_\_ that follows those who \_\_\_\_\_.

**Doctrine:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Part 5: JESUS Receives and Gives Doctrine

**John 7:14** Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>15</sup> And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never \_\_\_\_\_?"

<sup>16</sup> Jesus answered them and said, "My \_\_\_\_\_ is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

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<sup>17</sup> If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*.

Question: Where did Jesus get His doctrine from?

Question: Is it possible to study and learn the Scriptures from an institution of men and have bad doctrine? If so, can you list one example that is from the bible?

**John 8:26** I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and \_\_\_\_\_."

<sup>27</sup> They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but \_\_\_\_\_."

The goal of the disciple was to be able to state, "I have \_\_\_\_\_"

Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 8:29** And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that \_\_\_\_\_ Him."

List at least five different actions Jesus did?

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**John 18:19** The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, "I spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to the world. I always \_\_\_\_\_ in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in \_\_\_\_\_ I have said nothing. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."

"Doctrine is to be \_\_\_\_\_, doctrine is to be \_\_\_\_\_, doctrine is a \_\_\_\_\_. Doctrine is not something that is in \_\_\_\_\_."

## Part 6: Beware of Religious Man-Made Doctrines

**Matthew 16:5** Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. <sup>6</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." <sup>7</sup> And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "*It is* because we have taken no bread." <sup>8</sup> But Jesus, being aware of *it*, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? <sup>9</sup> Do you not yet \_\_\_\_\_, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up?"

Jesus and His disciples grew up and lived under the Law of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 26:17** Now on the first *day* of the \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup> And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, 'My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.' " <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

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**Instructions:** Stop and Read Exodus 12:1-20

Question: When and how often was the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

Question: What were they to remove from their house for seven days?

Question: What were the consequences if they did not?

**Matthew 16:10** Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? <sup>11</sup> How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?--*but* to beware of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pharisees and Sadducees." <sup>12</sup> Then they understood that He did not tell *them* to beware of the leaven of bread, but of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

**Matthew 15:1** Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Why do Your disciples transgress \_\_\_\_\_ of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." <sup>3</sup> He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the \_\_\_\_\_ of God because of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> For God commanded, saying, '*Honor your father and your mother*'; and, '*He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.*'<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me *is a gift to God*"—<sup>6</sup> then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>7</sup> Hypocrites!  
Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: <sup>8</sup> '*These people draw near to Me with their*

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\_\_\_\_\_, *And honor Me with their* \_\_\_\_\_, *But their* \_\_\_\_\_ *is far from*

*Me.*<sup>9</sup> *And* \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>10</sup> When He had called the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, "Hear and understand:

Question: How can a person make the commandment (doctrine, Word) of God of no effect in their life?

Question: What did Jesus call those who worship God following the teachings of men instead of the commandment (doctrine, Word) of God?

Question: Can your worship to God, with you lips, no matter how emotional you feel, be in vain (be useless)? Why?

...**Matthew 15:11** Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this \_\_\_\_\_ a man." <sup>12</sup> Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were \_\_\_\_\_ when they heard this saying?" <sup>13</sup> But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone. They are \_\_\_\_\_. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." <sup>15</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us."

Question: Leaders who teach the commandments and traditions of men, instead of the commandments (doctrine, Word) of God are described as what kind of leader?

Question: If you are blindly following a leader who is teaching the commandments and traditions of men what will happen to you?

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...**Matthew 15:16** So Jesus said, "Are you also still without \_\_\_\_\_?"

<sup>17</sup> Do you not yet \_\_\_\_\_ that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? <sup>18</sup> But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the \_\_\_\_\_, and they defile a man. <sup>19</sup> For \_\_\_\_\_ proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. <sup>20</sup> These are *the things* which \_\_\_\_\_ a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

*No matter how good a tradition is, if it is contrary to the Word of God it is \_\_\_\_\_*

**Instructions:** Stop and read 1 Samuel 15:1-35

**1 Samuel 15:22** So Samuel said: "Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and \_\_\_\_\_, As in \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of the LORD? Behold, to \_\_\_\_\_ is better than \_\_\_\_\_, *And* to heed than the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup> For \_\_\_\_\_ *is as* the sin of witchcraft, And \_\_\_\_\_ *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because \_\_\_\_\_, He also has rejected you from *being* king."

We are either obeying the voice of the LORD or rejecting the Word of the LORD. There is no in between or half way compromise. The most dangerous doctrines are religious doctrines, for no matter how good they are, if they are contrary to the Word of God, they will lead you astray, causing you to reject the Word of God and make your worship in vain. NEVER exalt religious man-made traditions or commandments of men above the written Word of God.

True or False: God will except our worship as long as we have good intentions

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**1 Corinthians 5:6** Your glorying *is* not good. Do you not know that a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_? <sup>7</sup> Therefore purge out the old leaven,  
that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was  
sacrificed for us. <sup>8</sup> Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of  
malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

**Instructions:** Stop and schedule 7 minutes, or 7 hours or 7 days to pray about any sin or  
traditions of men that might be in your house.

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All \_\_\_\_\_  
has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and \_\_\_\_\_  
of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Question: What is the purpose of authority?

Definition: tereo (verb): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe in your own words the importance of doctrine as a way of life, your  
understanding of it and how you would explain it to others:

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## Part 7: The Early Church Doctrine

**Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, " \_\_\_\_\_, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be \_\_\_\_\_ from this perverse generation."

...**Acts 2:41** Then \_\_\_\_\_ were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' \_\_\_\_\_ and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Question: Where did the Apostles get their doctrine from?

**Acts 5:27** And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "Did we not strictly \_\_\_\_\_ you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your \_\_\_\_\_, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: " \_\_\_\_\_".

Notice the council was not worried if they filled Jerusalem with their prayers and worship, but rather they were very concerned about the Apostle's \_\_\_\_\_ – a set of truths and commands to be learned, practiced, and taught to others. The Council had commanded them to stop preaching and not to teach in the name of Jesus. Pray and worship are a must, but they will not change a person, city, or nation without doctrine. Pray and worship is directed to God, doctrine is directed to men.



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Instructions: Stop and Read Acts 17:16-34

(49 AD) Acts 17:18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new \_\_\_\_\_ is of which you speak?"

...Acts 17:20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore, we want to know what these things mean." <sup>21</sup> For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very \_\_\_\_\_.

...Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will \_\_\_\_\_ the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by \_\_\_\_\_." <sup>32</sup> And when they heard of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead, some \_\_\_\_\_, while others said, "We will hear you again on this *matter*."

Question: Do you recognize any of the elementary principles of Christ in Paul's teaching?

If so, which ones:

Question: Can a religious philosopher be open to hear new things, listen to the gospel, and reject it?

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## Part 8: Doctrine is an Issue of the Heart

**Romans 6:16** Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to which you were delivered.

<sup>18</sup> And having been \_\_\_\_\_, you became slaves of righteousness.

Define: tupos (noun): Mark, image, staute, form, figure, \_\_\_\_\_

Question: Forgiveness of sin is only half the gospel, what is the other half?

Good doctrine will make you a slave of \_\_\_\_\_

Any doctrine that teaches you can not be free from sin is \_\_\_\_\_

“The doctrine of Christ is freedom from \_\_\_\_\_, not just the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of sin.”

**Romans 16:17** Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them. <sup>18</sup> For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering \_\_\_\_\_ deceive the \_\_\_\_\_ of the simple.

**Doctrine:** A set \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Part 9: Don't Be Deceived

**Ephesians 4:11** And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints for the work of ministry, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with \_\_\_\_\_, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Question: What's the difference between a perfect man and children being tossed to and fro?

Question: What can help prevent you from being trick by deceitful, cunning men?

**Colossians 2:20** Therefore, if you \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as *though* living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations-- <sup>21</sup> "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," <sup>22</sup> which all concern things which perish with the using--according to \_\_\_\_\_? <sup>23</sup> These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in \_\_\_\_\_ religion, *false* humility, and neglect of the body, *but are* of no value against the indulgence of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Pause and Reflect - Can you explain the difference between the elementary principles of Christ and the basic principles of the world?

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## Part 10: Paul's Letters to Timothy

**1 Timothy 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>3</sup> As I urged you when I went into Macedonia--remain in Ephesus that you may \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>4</sup> nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause \_\_\_\_\_ rather than godly edification which is in faith. <sup>5</sup> Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure \_\_\_\_\_, *from* a good \_\_\_\_\_, and *from* sincere \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>6</sup> from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, <sup>7</sup> desiring to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

**The goal of the disciple** was to be able to state, "I have \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**1 Timothy 1:8** But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup> knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, <sup>10</sup> for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>11</sup> according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

You don't have sound doctrine if you are:

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**1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ says that in latter times some will \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, giving \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ spirits and \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>2</sup> speaking \_\_\_\_\_ in hypocrisy, having their own \_\_\_\_\_ seared with a hot iron, <sup>3</sup> forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup> For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; <sup>5</sup> for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. <sup>6</sup> If you \_\_\_\_\_ the brethren in these things, you will be a good \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the good \_\_\_\_\_ which you have \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>7</sup> But \_\_\_\_\_ profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.

Question: How carefully are you following and living from doctrine as a way of life?

**1 Timothy 4:13** Till I come, give \_\_\_\_\_ to reading, to exhortation, to \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>14</sup> Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to yourself and to \_\_\_\_\_. Continue in them, for in doing this you will \_\_\_\_\_ both yourself and those who hear you.

Question: What is your method to meditate on the Word of God?

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**1 Timothy 5:17** Let the \_\_\_\_\_ who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>18</sup> For the Scripture says, "*You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,*" and, "The laborer *is* worthy of his wages."

**1 Corinthians 9:14** Even so the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ that those who preach the gospel should \_\_\_\_\_ from the gospel.

Question: What is your value of those who labor in the Word and in doctrine?

**1 Timothy 6:1** Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, \_\_\_\_\_ the name of God and *His* \_\_\_\_\_ may not be blasphemed.

<sup>2</sup> And those who have believing masters, let them not despise *them* because they are brethren, but rather serve *them* because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things. <sup>3</sup> If anyone teaches \_\_\_\_\_ and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the \_\_\_\_\_ which accords with godliness, <sup>4</sup> he is \_\_\_\_\_, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup> useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of* gain. From such withdraw yourself. <sup>6</sup> Now godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. <sup>8</sup> And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who \_\_\_\_\_ fall

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into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful \_\_\_\_\_ which drown men in destruction and perdition. <sup>10</sup> For the \_\_\_\_\_ of money is a root of all *kinds of evil*, for which some have \_\_\_\_\_ in their greediness and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Question: Are there any relationships that you need to walk away from?

Question: Is money a root of all kinds of evil?

**2 Timothy 3:1** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, \_\_\_\_\_ of money, boasters, \_\_\_\_\_, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, \_\_\_\_\_, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people \_\_\_\_\_!

Describe in your own words what is having “a form of godliness, but denying its power”:

**..2 Timothy 3:6** For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>8</sup> Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the \_\_\_\_\_: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the \_\_\_\_\_; <sup>9</sup> but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

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“Behavior always shows your \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Doctrine is a way of \_\_\_\_\_; If my doctrine is wrong my way of \_\_\_\_\_ will be wrong”

Question: Does your lifestyle demonstrate your doctrine? Are they one and the same?

**2 Timothy 3:10** But you have \_\_\_\_\_ followed my \_\_\_\_\_, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup> persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But \_\_\_\_\_ men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Paul lived his doctrine, model it, and was persecuted for it. Timothy carefully followed Paul's lifestyle and example. Timothy had an intentionality of being like his teacher – Paul.

**...2 Timothy 3:14** But you must continue in the things which you have \_\_\_\_\_ and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through \_\_\_\_\_ which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God and *is* profitable for \_\_\_\_\_, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Word of God (the Scriptures) must be our \_\_\_\_\_ – the truths and commands that we learn, practice, and teach others: the way of life.

**Instructions:** Take a moment and try to memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17.



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..2 Timothy 4:1 I \_\_\_\_\_ you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will \_\_\_\_\_ the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the \_\_\_\_\_! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the \_\_\_\_\_ when they will \_\_\_\_\_, but according to their own \_\_\_\_\_, *because* they have itching ears, they will \_\_\_\_\_ up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn *their* ears away from the \_\_\_\_\_, and be turned aside to fables.

Instructions: Stop and Read 2 Timothy 3:1-4:5

## Part 11: A Call To Sound Doctrine

Titus 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, <sup>8</sup> but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>9</sup> holding fast the faithful \_\_\_\_\_ as he has been taught, that he may be able, by \_\_\_\_\_, both to exhort and convict those who \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>10</sup> For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, who subvert whole households, \_\_\_\_\_ things which they ought not, for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>12</sup> One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." <sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ them sharply, that they may be \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>14</sup> not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who \_\_\_\_\_.

"You cannot be sound in faith unless you are sound in \_\_\_\_\_".

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Question: What do we have when we have sound doctrine? (John 14:6)

...**Titus 1:15** To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and \_\_\_\_\_ are defiled. <sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but in \_\_\_\_\_ they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. **Titus 2:1** But as for you, \_\_\_\_\_ the things which are proper for \_\_\_\_\_: <sup>2</sup> that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, \_\_\_\_\_ in faith, in love, in patience; <sup>3</sup> the older women likewise, that they be reverent in \_\_\_\_\_, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- <sup>4</sup> that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>6</sup> Likewise exhort the young men to be sober-minded, <sup>7</sup> in all things showing yourself *to be* a \_\_\_\_\_ of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, <sup>8</sup> sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. <sup>9</sup> *Exhort* bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all *things*, not answering back, <sup>10</sup> not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every

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lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>15</sup> Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all \_\_\_\_\_. Let no one despise you.

## Part 12: EPOC

**Hebrews 6:1** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the \_\_\_\_\_  
of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying  
on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

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**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ *is* the \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday, today, and forever. <sup>9</sup> Do not be  
carried about with \_\_\_\_\_. For *it is* good  
that the \_\_\_\_\_ be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who  
have been occupied with them.

Doctrine is an issue of the \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 13: The Doctrine of Christ vs.

**2 John 1:7** For many \_\_\_\_\_ have gone out into the world who do not  
confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>8</sup> Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a  
full reward. <sup>9</sup> Whoever transgresses and does not \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ  
\_\_\_\_\_. He who \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ has both

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the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and does not bring \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ receive him into your house nor greet him; <sup>11</sup> for he who greets him shares in his  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Question: Can someone do very religious things on a regular basis with good intentions  
and yet not be abiding in the doctrine of Christ?

In your own words describe what it means to abide in the doctrine of Christ?

**Revelation 2:12** "And to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church in Pergamos write, "These things  
says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: <sup>13</sup> I know your works, and where you dwell, where  
Satan's throne *is*. And you hold fast to My name and did not deny My faith even in the days in  
which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup> But I  
have a few things \_\_\_\_\_ you, because you have there those who \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of  
Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> Thus you also have  
those who \_\_\_\_\_ of the Nicolaitans, which thing I \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of  
My mouth.

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**Revelation 2:18** And to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: <sup>19</sup> I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and *as* for your works, the last *are* more than the first.

<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless I have \_\_\_\_\_, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to \_\_\_\_\_

My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> And I gave her time to \_\_\_\_\_ of her sexual immorality, and she \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>22</sup> Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they \_\_\_\_\_ of their deeds. <sup>23</sup> I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and \_\_\_\_\_.

And I will give to each one of you according to your \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>24</sup> Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

God in His mercy gives people time to \_\_\_\_\_.

God will bring judgment on those who don't \_\_\_\_\_.

Question: Why does the LORD hate false doctrine?

Question: How important is doctrine as the way of life?

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## ASSIGNMENTS:

**REVIEW:** Go back and review all your notes and list below the most important things you've learned as a result of completing this study:

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**ACTION:** What actions are you going to take as a result from what you have learned?

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**SHARE:** List the names of three people you will share what you learned, and the action steps you are going to be taking.

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**READ:** Get a paperback New Testament that does not have any commentary, start in Matthew and read through it as fast as you can (Don't take more than a month). Carry it with you everywhere you go so you can read it when you have an opportunity. Don't worry about the things you don't understand, just read it cover to cover as quickly as you can.