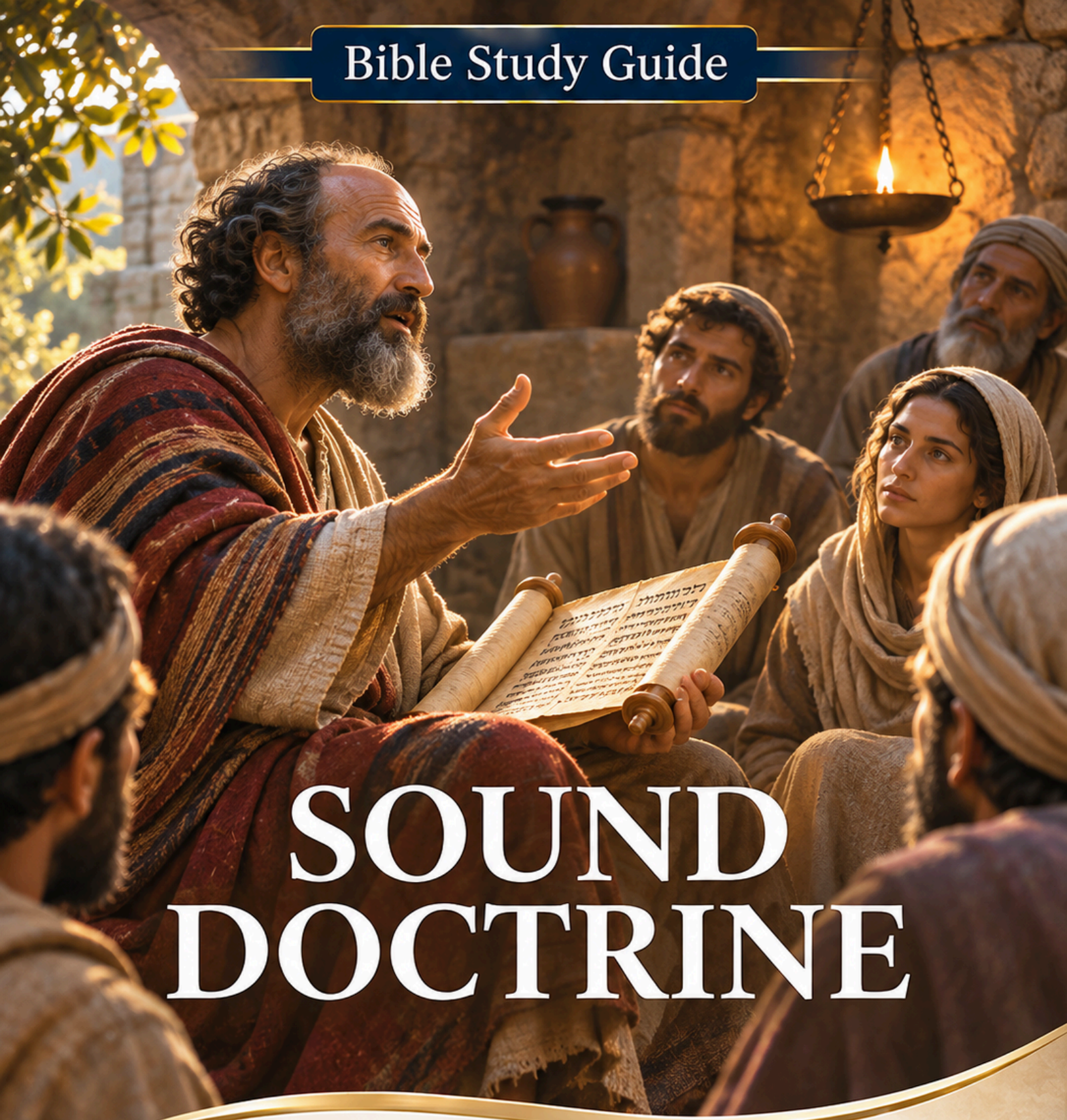
Bible Study Guide



SOUND DOCTRINE

A Bible Study on Biblical Truth, False Teaching, and the Faith Once Delivered

Introduction

A person can read the label on a loaf of bread without ever eating it. Knowing the ingredients does not nourish the body. In the same way, a person can master religious terms and still fail to receive the life that sound doctrine is meant to impart. Biblical teaching is sound when it agrees with Christ's words and bears the fruit of godliness.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **What will some people refuse to endure according to Paul?** (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

"For the time will come when they will not endure _____; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

People may seek teaching that satisfies their preferences rather than submitting to the truth that corrects them.

2 **How did the Bereans test the message they heard?** (Acts 17:11)

"they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures _____, whether those things were so."

Faithful learners receive truth willingly while testing teaching against Scripture.

3 **What can carry spiritually immature believers about?** (Ephesians 4:14)

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every _____, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

Rootedness in Christ and Scripture guards against continual fascination with novel theories.

4 **What should believers remain grounded in?** (Colossians 1:23)

"If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the _____ of the gospel,"

Enduring faith holds to the gospel rather than shifting with every controversy.

5 **What gives light to our spiritual path?** (Psalm 119:105)

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a _____ unto my path."

Scripture directs our steps when our own sight is limited.

6 **To what does Paul say wholesome doctrine conforms?** (1 Timothy 6:3)

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to _____..."

Teaching that comes from Christ is intended to produce godly character, not merely agreement with a creed.

7 **What is Scripture profitable for?** (2 Timothy 3:16)

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for _____, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

Sound doctrine is rooted in God's inspired Word and leads to righteous living.

8 **What harmful fruit accompanies unhealthy controversies?** (1 Timothy 6:4)

"He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, _____, railings, evil surmisings..."

A teaching ministry dominated by rivalry and suspicion contradicts the spirit of the truth it claims to defend.

9 **What manner should characterize the servant of the Lord?** (2 Timothy 2:24)

"And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be _____ unto all men, apt to teach, patient,"

The way truth is taught should reflect the character of Christ.

10 **What can turn away wrath?** (Proverbs 15:1)

"A soft _____ turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

A gentle response can prevent conflict from becoming a contest of pride.

11 **What quality does Paul expect in those taught sound doctrine?** (Titus 2:1-2)

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, _____, sound in faith, in charity, in patience."

Sound doctrine becomes visible through self-control, love, patience, and faithfulness.

12 **What must a teacher show in personal conduct?** (Titus 2:7)

"In all things shewing thyself a pattern of _____:"

A teacher's life should illustrate the doctrine being taught.

13 **What must a person be willing to do to recognize the doctrine of God?** (John 7:17)

"If any man will do his _____, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

Willing obedience helps the learner perceive the truth of Christ's teaching through experience.

14 **Who can discern both good and evil?** (Hebrews 5:14)

"even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to _____ both good and evil."

Spiritual maturity develops through practicing truth, not merely consuming religious information.

15 **Who is compared to a wise builder?** (Matthew 7:24)

"whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and _____ them, I will liken him unto a wise man,"

Obedience reveals that we have taken Christ's words seriously.

16 **What is God the author of in contrast to confusion?** (1 Corinthians 14:33)

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of _____, as in all churches of the saints."

Biblical order and peace do not require abandoning truth; they call for truth spoken in Christ's spirit.

17 **In what spirit should we speak truth?** (Ephesians 4:15)

"But speaking the truth in _____, may grow up into him in all things,"

Truth and love are not competitors; maturity in Christ requires both.

18 **What did Jesus describe as His meat?** (John 4:34)

"My meat is to do the _____ of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Spiritual nourishment is experienced in doing the Father's will.

Appeal

Will you test every teaching by Scripture and allow the truth you learn to produce a life of humility, love, and obedience?

Commitment

I choose to search the Scriptures faithfully and live the truth in the spirit of Jesus, rather than seeking knowledge for argument alone.

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