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Evangelism: Biblical Authority / Doctrine; Doctrine of Man; Doctrine of God; Evangelism; Scripture / 2 Timothy 3:16–17

Sound doctrine is intended to shape and mold the people of God for life and service in the world.

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## I. The purpose of doctrine for the individual

### A. It leads to repentance

**2 Timothy 2:25 ESV**

<sup>25</sup> correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

### B. It leads to salvation

**1 Timothy 4:16 ESV**

<sup>16</sup> Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

### C. It is necessary for Christian maturity and effective service

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### D. It makes possible a defense of the faith

**1 Peter 3:15–16 ESV**

<sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

### E. It leads to enrichment and blessing

**Deuteronomy 32:1–4 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak,  
and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> May my teaching drop as the rain,  
my speech distill as the dew,  
like gentle rain upon the tender grass,  
and like showers upon the herb.

<sup>3</sup> For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;  
ascribe greatness to our God!

<sup>4</sup> “The Rock, his work is perfect,  
for all his ways are justice.  
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,  
just and upright is he.

## F. It leads to perfection

**Colossians 1:28 ESV**

<sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## II. Doctrine as the basis of faithful ministry in the church

**Titus 1:9 ESV**

<sup>9</sup> He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

**1 Timothy 4:6–8 ESV**

<sup>6</sup> If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. <sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; <sup>8</sup> for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

## God's Invitation

**Hear - Romans 10:17**

**Believe - John 1:7**

**Confess - Hebrews 4:14**

**Repent - Luke 13:3**

**Be Baptized - Acts 2:38**

**Remain Faithful - Revelation 2:10**

## New to the Faith?

- First Principles

## Have you fallen away from Faith?

- Need to be Restored

## My Decision Today

- I would like to be baptized today
- I would like to renew my life to Christ
- I would like to learn more about Jesus and the Bible

## Questions: What are my next steps?

- Come forward to be baptized
- Request a Bible Study to learn more
- Attend Bible Class to grow and mature
- Find a place to serve others
- Apply today's lesson to my life