

Choosing to Avoid Half Truths

Titus 1:9b

Introduction:

Acts 20:27 For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

2 Thessalonians 3:14 if anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that man and do not associate with him, so that he may be put to shame.

1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 do not despise prophetic utterances.

21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

John 14:6 Jesus said... I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict

#1. _____ to the Word of God

#2. _____ the scriptures biblically
Titus 1:9 that he may be able

2 Timothy 1:12 I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

1st - To _____ up Christians with the Word to live like Jesus

1 - There will be an _____ of life change
Titus 1:9 to exhort in sound doctrine

• P _____

Jude 3 I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you ...to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

Acts 24:4 I beg you to grant us, by your kindness, a brief hearing.

- P _____
2 Corinthians 7:6 But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus;
1 Corinthians 4:16 I exhort you therefore, be imitators of me.
- P _____
Titus 2:15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

3 questions

TorF? Do you regularly discuss scripture with Christians over scripture, apart from your small group?

TorF? Do you regularly apply, live out the truth you learn from Sunday Morning messages?

TorF? Are you hungry to learn more of God's Word or are you bored with it?

2 - There will be _____ in Christlikeness
Titus 1:9 exhort in sound doctrine

Luke 5:31 Jesus said it is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.

Luke 7:10 they found the slave in good health.

1 Timothy 6:3 If anyone advocates a different doctrine, and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness,

Titus 2:1 ...speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine,
Titus 2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith that they may
adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

3 - There will be a clear _____ of truth to exhort in sound
doctrine

1 Timothy 4:6 In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be
a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of
the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.

Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those
who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which
you learned, and turn away from them.

Ephesians 4:14 we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there
by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the
trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

2nd - To _____ contradictors with the Word to submit to ____ to refute
those who contradict

#1 - _____ exactly does it mean to refute?
to refute those who contradict

Ephesians 5:11 And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

Matthew 18:15 if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

Titus 1:13 This testimony is true. For this cause reprove them severely that they may be sound in the faith,

John 16:8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;

Revelation 3:19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent.

#2 - _____ does an elder or mature Christian refute?

Step 1 - _____ sound doctrine, exhorting with truth

Step 2 - _____ the errant teachers

Titus 1:10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers...11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach, for the sake of sordid gain...13 For this cause reprove them severely that they may be sound in the faith,

2 Thessalonians 3:14 if anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that man and do not associate with him, so that he may be put to shame. 15 And yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Step 3 - _____ the errant teacher

Titus 3:9 But shun foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law; for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, 11 knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. 18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

Acts 20:29 I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be on the alert.

#3 - ____ does an elder or mature Christian refute?

Titus 1:9 to refute those who contradict

John 19:12 As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar."

Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.

Romans 10:21 But as for Israel He says, All the day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and obstinate people

Titus 2:9 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

To contradict means ...

1-to have a _____ attitude.

2-to speak _____ sound doctrine.

3-to give back talk or talk _____ the back.

Conclusion:

#1-Be _____

#2- ____ your elders in their efforts to teach truth and expose error

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

#3-A church's commitment to truth defines it's ____

#4-Distinguish between what is ____ and biblical; what is principle and what is preference

#5-Turn to ____ to begin to understand truth

John 14:6 Jesus said I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me

Ask yourself these questions:

Yes or no? Can I defend my faith in a non-threatened manner?

Yes or no? Do I have trouble discussing the Bible without getting into an argument?

Yes or no? Am I easily swayed by the latest book or article, finding my own arguments paltry in the face of persuasive rhetoric?

Yes or no? Do people see me coming with my Bible and turn the other way, or am I able to take God's Word and use it to lift up sagging spirits, inform doubting minds and motivate weary workers?

Yes or no? Am I afraid to "argue" with people who openly deny sound doctrine, or do I take a stand even at the risk of looking bad?