



Sound Doctrine to the Rescue

Michael took a deep breath. The blood that had rushed to his head and the feelings of anger were slowly receding. Michael had just learned that his coworker Josh would get the promotion they'd been vying for. Michael knew that he was better qualified for the job: he had more experience; he generally outperformed Josh; he even got along better with his coworkers. The big difference was contacts. Josh was the grandson of one of the company founders, although the old man had sold out before retiring. And Josh had other contacts as well. It wasn't fair. It wasn't right. But what could Michael do?

Just then three coworkers came in to commiserate with him. These were people he'd been praying for and hoping to witness to. In spite of his emotions, Michael knew that this was an opportunity to display Christlikeness to his friends. He breathed a quick prayer.

1. What opposite ways could the conversation with Michael's coworkers go?
2. Read Titus 2:1. What Biblical teachings, or "sound doctrine," could apply to Michael's situation?
3. What could Michael say to "speak . . . the things which become sound doctrine"?
4. What difficulty are you facing right now? What "sound doctrine" applies to how you will deal with it?
5. What can you say, and to whom, that will "become," or "be suitable to," sound doctrine?