

NO OTHER DOCTRINE

EFFECTS OF WRONG DOCTRINE IN CHURCH

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~ 1 Timothy 1:3

1. No Other Doctrine

- a. We have seen important reasons to be a part of a properly functioning church
- b. Why is it important to avoid participation in churches teaching wrong doctrine?
- c. *"charge some that they teach no other doctrine"* - 1 Tim 1:3-6,11; 2 Ti 1:13; 2 Ti 2:2
- d. If the church is the pillar and ground of the truth, then truth is fallen – Isa 59:9,14
 - i. Church ground has become quicksand, and the pillars have become ruins.
- e. Justin's charge: sit under, participate, support, tolerate no other doctrine in church
- f. Wrong doctrine affects your behavior, will destroy faith, and the church – 1Cor 15:33
- g. The danger of evangelicalism is blindness to the poisonous effects of wrong doctrine
- h. 3 effects of acquiescing to error and tolerating wrong doctrine in church -1 Tim 1:18

2. Effect: Your warfare becomes worthless

- a. Instead of a warrior you become a watcher; instead of servant you become spectator
- b. The church is supposed to produce fighting soldiers –1Ti 6:12, 2 Co 10:4, Eph 6:11
- c. It is not a personal battle; but against compromise and wrong doctrine – Eph 6:13
- d. It is not good warfare to quietly sit acquiescing to error in other churches - Ro 16:17
- e. Church service should appeal to right doctrine, not people – Titus 3:10, 1 Tim 6:1-5

3. Effect: Your conscience loses its conviction

- a. Your conscience becomes weak, easily offended, defiled – error is not harmless
- b. Allowing wrong doctrine affects your mind and conscience - Titus 1:9-16
- c. This is why deacons must hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience –1Ti 3:9
- d. Charity is done out of a pure heart and good conscience – 1 Tim 1:5-6
- e. Children are easily convinced. Adults have to unlearn. It's hard to resist the familiar.
- f. Wrong doctrine defiles the way we think, makes us unstable, and weak in the Spirit.
- g. The most dangerous things are not the distant, but things closest to you.

4. Effect: Your faith is destroyed, and the faith of others

- a. 2 Tim 2:15 is not just a slogan, it is a command to rescue hearers from destruction
- b. Remember these things to avoid subversion of your faith - 2 Tim 2:14;
- c. What things? Faithfulness to Paul's doctrine and gospel - 2Tim 1:8, 11-13, 2:1-2, 7-8
- d. Is Timothy to please people in the church or God? Answer: 2 Tim 2:15
- e. If it is contrary to God's preserved word rightly divided it is vanity – 2 Tim 2:16-18
- f. *"eat as doth a canker"* – and you won't even know it, and you will be overthrown.
- g. Wrong doctrine does not always sound hurtful or look bad (1 Tim 4:1, 2 Tim 4:3)
- h. Wrong doctrine is the poison that has made churches ineffectual.
- i. Sound doctrine is the battleground (not politics, relationships, social issues); the church should hold its flag in the ground of truth not moving an inch 1Cor 15:58