

Devotional thoughts for the week leading up to April 22, 2018

Just as our human body gets sick—so, a church can get sick. What do we do with it and how do we confront this? Paul speaks about teachers who are teaching things that upset whole families. This week, we will note some of the dangers of false teaching and what must be done to prevent it.

*Monday — read TITUS 1:10-16 – pay attention to the characteristics of those who teach falsely. What was true then, sadly, is also true now.*

*Tuesday – read MATTHEW 15:7-11 – false teaching has been around for centuries. Note the criticism of Jesus here that they were teaching as doctrine the commandments of people*

*Wednesday – read 1 TIMOTHY 1:6-11 – it is ‘easy’ to want to teach. However, some want to teach what they do not know. Notice that we need not fear the law if we keep the law. It is those who are violators who do not like the standards given by God.*

*Thursday – read 1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5 – notice the force behind the false teaching so prevalent around us. Think about verses 4 and 5 in comparison with Titus 1:15-16.*

*Friday – read 1 TIMOTHY 6:3-5 – it is easy to get caught up with ‘secret’ doctrines or controversial notions. Notice how Paul describes those who do so and then be careful lest you get caught up in things that aren’t doctrines but are merely preferences.*

*Saturday — read 2 TIMOTHY 4:3-5 – I never liked my ears to be tickled but there is a sense when we like to hear what we want to hear. Note the contrast between what others are doing and what Paul wants Timothy to do.*

*Sunday — read TITUS 1:10-16 -- in preparation for the sermon today.*