

¹NOT MANY OF YOU SHOULD BECOME TEACHERS, MY BROTHERS, FOR YOU KNOW THAT WE WHO TEACH WILL BE JUDGED WITH GREATER STRICTNESS.

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²FOR WE ALL STUMBLE IN MANY WAYS, AND IF ANYONE DOES NOT STUMBLE IN WHAT HE SAYS, HE IS A PERFECT MAN, ABLE ALSO TO BRIDLE HIS WHOLE BODY. —JAMES 3:1-2

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I. TEACHING IS AN ESSENTIAL CALLING FOR THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD
"WE BELIEVE ALL TRUE WORSHIP IS DEPENDENT UPON THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. THE BIBLE IS THE PERFECT REVELATION OF GOD—WHO HE IS, WHAT HE DOES, AND WHY HE ALONE IS WORTHY OF ALL WORSHIP AND PRAISE. WE DON'T WORSHIP THE GOD OF OUR IMAGINATION, BUT GOD REVEALED IN TIME, HISTORY AND REVELATION THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. WORSHIP BEGINS AND ENDS WITH THE WORD OF GOD REFLECTED IN MUSIC, PRAYER AND TEACHING. WE GATHER TO CONFESS AND CELEBRATE 'GOD IS WORTHY' AND WE DEPART TO 'LIVE FOR HIS GLORY.'"

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¹⁸AND JESUS CAME AND SAID TO THEM, "ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. ¹⁹GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,

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BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ²⁰TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.

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AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
TO THE END OF THE AGE.” —MATTHEW 28:18-20

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POSTMODERN
WORLD VIEW

- NO DESIGN
- NO DEPRAVITY
- NO DIGNITY
- NO DESTINY

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¹BUT UNDERSTAND THIS, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS THERE WILL COME
TIMES OF DIFFICULTY. ²FOR PEOPLE WILL BE LOVERS OF SELF,
LOVERS OF MONEY, PROUD, ARROGANT, ABUSIVE,

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DISOBEDIENT TO THEIR PARENTS, UNGRATEFUL, UNHOLY, ³HEARTLESS,
UNAPPEASABLE, SLANDEROUS, WITHOUT SELF-CONTROL, BRUTAL, NOT
LOVING GOOD. ⁴TREACHEROUS, RECKLESS, SWOLLEN WITH CONCEIT,

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LOVERS OF PLEASURE RATHER THAN LOVERS OF GOD, ⁵HAVING THE
APPEARANCE OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING ITS POWER. AVOID SUCH
PEOPLE... ⁶ALL SCRIPTURE IS BREATHED OUT BY GOD AND

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PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, AND
FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, ⁷THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY
BE COMPLETE, EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK. —2 TIM. 3:1-5, 16-17

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¹I CHARGE YOU IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF CHRIST JESUS, WHO IS TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, AND BY HIS APPEARING AND HIS KINGDOM: ²PREACH THE WORD; BE READY IN SEASON AND

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OUT OF SEASON; REPROVE, REBUKE, AND EXHORT, WITH COMPLETE PATIENCE AND TEACHING. ³FOR THE TIME IS COMING WHEN PEOPLE WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND TEACHING, BUT HAVING ITCHING EARS

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THEY WILL ACCUMULATE FOR THEMSELVES TEACHERS TO SUIT THEIR OWN PASSIONS, ⁴AND WILL TURN AWAY FROM LISTENING TO THE TRUTH AND WANDER OFF INTO MYTHS.

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⁵AS FOR YOU, ALWAYS BE SOBER-MINDED, ENDURE SUFFERING, DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST, FULFILL YOUR MINISTRY.
—2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

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2. TEACHING BRINGS GREATER
ACCOUNTABILITY BEFORE GOD

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²⁴DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT IN A RACE ALL THE RUNNERS RUN, BUT ONLY ONE RECEIVES THE PRIZE? SO RUN THAT YOU MAY OBTAIN IT. ²⁵EVERY ATHLETE EXERCISES SELF-CONTROL IN ALL THINGS.

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THEY DO IT TO RECEIVE A PERISHABLE WREATH,
BUT WE AN IMPERISHABLE. ²⁴SO I DO NOT RUN AIMLESSLY;
I DO NOT BOX AS ONE BEATING THE AIR.

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²⁷BUT I DISCIPLINE MY BODY AND KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL,
LEST AFTER PREACHING TO OTHERS I MYSELF
SHOULD BE DISQUALIFIED. — I CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

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3. TEACHING MUST POINT TO THE
URGENT NECESSITY OF THE GOSPEL

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²⁹WHERE IS THE ONE WHO IS WISE? WHERE IS THE SCRIBE?
WHERE IS THE DEBATER OF THIS AGE? HAS NOT GOD MADE FOOLISH
THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD? ³¹FOR SINCE, IN THE WISDOM OF GOD,

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THE WORLD DID NOT KNOW GOD THROUGH WISDOM, IT PLEASSED
GOD THROUGH THE FOLLY OF WHAT WE PREACH TO SAVE THOSE WHO
BELIEVE. ²²FOR JEWS DEMAND SIGNS AND GREEKS SEEK WISDOM,

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²³BUT WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED, A STUMBLING BLOCK TO JEWS
AND FOLLY TO GENTILES, ²⁴BUT TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED,
BOTH JEWS AND GREEKS, CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND

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THE WISDOM OF GOD. ²⁵FOR THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD
IS WISER THAN MEN, AND THE WEAKNESS OF GOD
IS STRONGER THAN MEN. —1 CORINTHIANS 1:20-25

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"GOD SPEAKS IN CREATION. SATAN SPEAKS IN THE FALL.
BUT THEN GOD SPEAKS AGAIN IN REDEMPTION. AND GOD
HAS THE LAST WORD! HE HAS REVEALED A WORD OF GOSPEL
PROMISE. ALL OF US HAVE BEEN BURNED BY BROKEN
PROMISES, AND WE HAVE EVEN BURNED OTHERS BY OUR
BROKEN PROMISES OF ALL KINDS. BUT GOD ALWAYS KEEPS
HIS PROMISES. THEREFORE, NO MATTER HOW THE WORDS OF
OTHER PEOPLE AND THEIR BROKEN PROMISES HAVE AFFECTED
YOU, AS YOU LEARN TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE ABOVE ALL VOICES
YOU WILL FIND HOPE AND HEALING." —DAVID PLATT

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