

Sound doctrine and Christian Conduct

(1) But as for you <u>proclaim the things that are fitting for</u> <u>sound doctrine.</u> (2) Older men are to be temperate, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. (3) Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, (4) so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children (5) to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, <u>so that the word of God may not be dishonored.</u>



The Relationship between the older and younger.

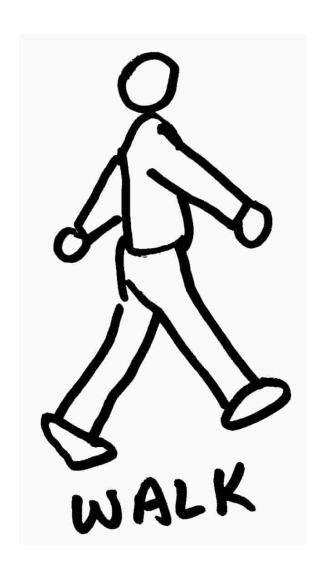
OT: Taught the Scriptures from youth.

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, when you rise up. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7** (NKJV)



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(6) Likewise urge the young men to be sensible (7) in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, (8) sound in speech, which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us. (9) Urge slaves to be subject to their masters in everything. To be pleasing, not argumentative, (10) not stealing, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our savior in every respect.



"We are the Bibles the world is reading; We are the creeds the world is needing; We are the sermons the world is heeding."

-Billy Graham

The Grace of God to redeem us / (Anticipating Christ's Return)

(11) For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, (12) instructing us to <u>deny ungodliness and worldly</u> <u>desires</u> and to live sensibly, righteously and <u>in a godly manner in</u> <u>the present age</u>, (13) looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, (14) who gave Himself for us, <u>to redeem us from every lawless</u> <u>deed, and to purify for Himself a people for his own</u> <u>possession, eager for good deeds.</u> (15) These things speak and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. No one is to disregard you.

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!
Luke 11:28

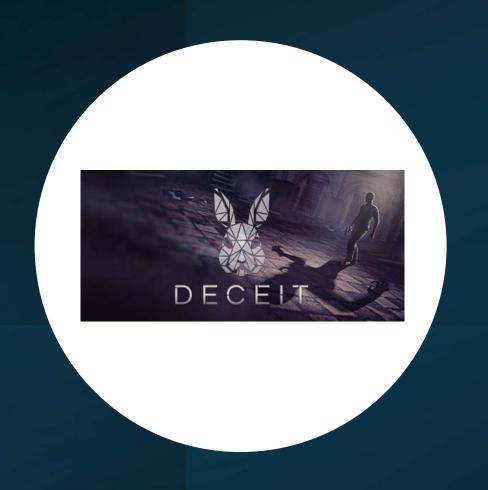




Reasons why Doctrine is important (Tim Challies)

- Doctrine leads to love: Your love for God is limited by your knowledge of Him.
- Doctrine leads to humility: Example of Job.
 - Doctrine leads to Obedience: Your obedience to God is limited by your knowledge of Him.
 - Doctrine leads to Worship:
 - Doctrine leads to Unity/Safety. (See 1 Timothy 4:1- next slide).

But the Spirit explicitly says in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 1 Timothy 4:1 (NASB)



Based on recorded readings of the Bible how many hours do you think it will take to read the entire Bible?



Let's Do MATH!

71 x 60 = 4,260 minutes 4,260 minutes / 365 days = 11.67 minutes



In the church we have done a good job of:

Sharing the Gospel



Baptizing Believers



KNOW THIS "GREAT" VERSE?

(18) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen. Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

Discipleship implies a journey of spiritual growth, learning from the leader (Jesus), and living according to their ideas. (The Navigators).

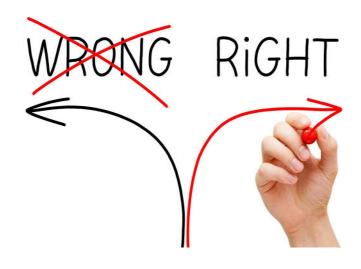


Discipleship Simplified

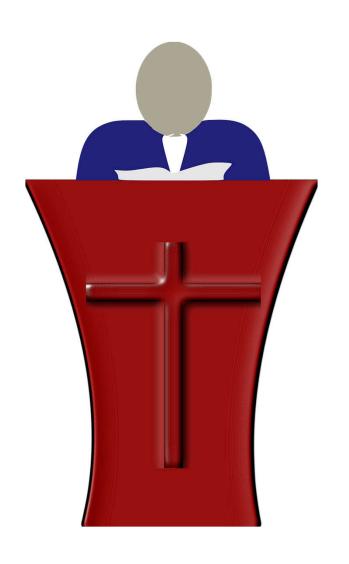
CONSTRUCTIVE

Constructive

CORRECTIVE







WHO is responsible for building up the body?

-Pastors/Teachers: "Equip the saints for the work of ministry." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

-Apostles (Paul: "strengthened the hearts of the disciples by encouraging them to continue in the faith." (Acts 14:22) "Discipling requires more than mere classroom instruction. It is not merely the conveyance of information, but practical training to live a Christlike life in the present culture."

Benjamin Phillips author:
The Attraction of Beauty in
an Ugly World- the
Relationship of Discipling
& Evangelism



"One another" is two words in English, but it's only one word in Greek:

άλλήλων

(ah-LAY-loan)

Here's an overview of how it's applied to the church in the New Testament.

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It's used in 100 times in 94 New Testament verses. 47

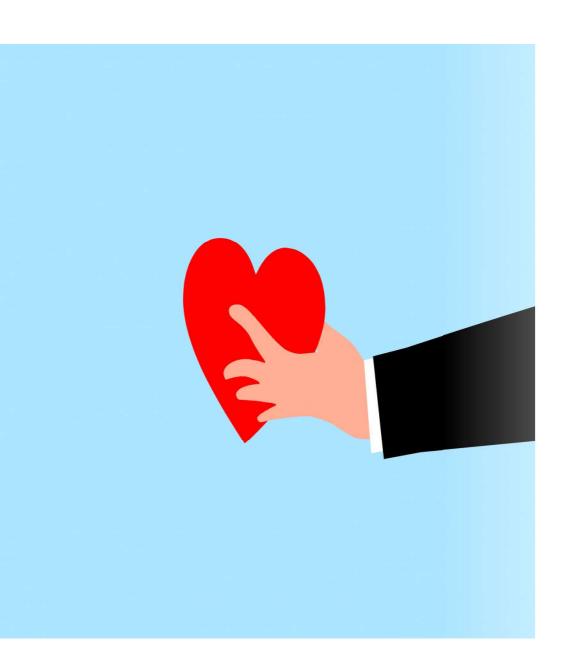
47 of those verses give instructions to followers of Jesus. 60%

Paul wrote 60% of those "one another" commands.



CORRECTIVE DISCIPLESHIP





"Corrective
Discipleship
addresses vice
redemptively."
-Benjamin Phillips

