

## Sound Doctrine

The truth has always been under attack. It is as old as human history. This attack began in Eden, when Satan directly attacked God's Word and convinced Eve to disobey God. Genesis records that "the serpent was more subtil [clever] than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he [the serpent, Satan] said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." Now, watch Satan's direct attack on what God had said: "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:1-5).

Ever since, Satan has tirelessly continued his bitter attack against sound doctrine. His purpose is simple, attack truth at any cost. Destroy, destroy truth at any cost. Draw people away from the truth by seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons. Which will cause them to become hardened to the truth, and they shall turn from truth unto lies. This is what happens when people do not apply themselves to know truth. Many people would not admit it, but they live in defiance of God's Word. They are so committed to what they believe that they never stop to check and see if what they believe (which is seen in their actions) is in accordance with God's Word. It's not a matter of disobedience; it's a matter of defiance that is brought about by a direct attack upon sound doctrine.

We have a mandate given to us by God. And that mandate says, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men" (II Corinthians 3:2). Therefore, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead" (James 2:19-20)? "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18).

My dear friend, do not be committed to something that is in conflict with sound doctrine.

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