

Words

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1Timothy 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

Paul (63 AD) in 1 Tim. 3:14-15 is sending instructions to Timothy who is in Ephesus years after Paul (58 AD) foretold in Acts 20:29-30 the coming trouble within the eldership in the church in Ephesus. As Paul spells out the laws of how they ought to behave themselves he charges Timothy: “These things command and teach.” 1Tim 4:11; “And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless” 1Ti 5:7; “These things teach and exhort.” 1 Tim. 6:2b

The next verse starts with a sweeping statement that admits of no exception. “If any man teach otherwise” is a conditional statement of universal proportions. The American Standard Version translates “teacheth a different doctrine,” which translates the singular Greek word ἑτεροδιδασκαλέω. When one teaches otherwise he is not teaching wholesome or healthy words, wholesome is from ὑγιαίνω and is defined by W.E. Vine with the following words: [Health](#), [Safe](#), [Safely](#), [Safety](#), [Sound \(Adjective\)](#), [Be Sound](#), [Whole](#), [Wholly](#), [Wholesome](#)—Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. A gospel preacher must preach healthy or wholesome WORDS of the Lord Jesus Christ. The study of the WORDS selected by Christ and penned by the inspired writers of our New Testament in revealing the gospel must be studied and understood then in order to preach and teach the revelation of our Lord. It is the preacher’s responsibility to study WORDS.

It is every Christian’s responsibility to learn the truth in order to walk unto all pleasing and to be blameless before God. Every Christian then must study the WORDS of wholesome doctrine.

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