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A STUDY THRU PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS



The Elder's Handling of the Truth - 2

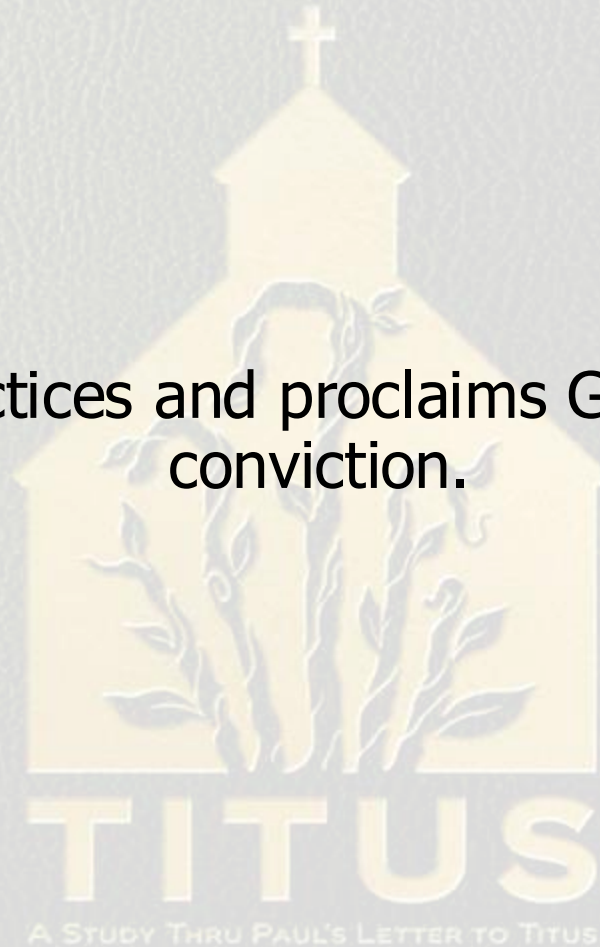
Titus 1:9b

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Lesson Theme:

The elder possesses, practices and proclaims God's truth with unwavering conviction.



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- I. He Possesses the Truth (The Elder's Conviction)
- II. He Practices the Truth (The Elder's Submission)
- III. He Proclaims the Truth (The Elder's Commission)
 - A. Exhort in Sound Doctrine
 1. Exhort (parakaleo)
 - To call one alongside
 2. Sound Doctrine
 - Sound (Hugiano) - that which is whole, healthy, hygienic
 - Doctrine (Didaskalia) - the teaching



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Elements of Sound Doctrine

1. Sound Doctrine is Gospel Centered (1 Tim. 1:8-10)
2. Sound Doctrine produces Godliness (1 Tim. 6:3; Tit. 1:13)
3. Sound Doctrine **MUST** be Guarded and Proclaimed (Tit. 1:9; 2:1)

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Sound doctrine is important because....

1. Our faith is based on a specific message (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
2. The gospel is a sacred trust (Phil. 1:27; Jude 3)
3. What we believe affects what we do (1 Tim. 1:9-10)
4. We must ascertain truth in a world of falsehood (1 John 4:1; Matt. 13:25; Acts 20:29)
5. The end of sound doctrine is life (1 Tim. 4:16)
6. It encourages believers (Psalm 119:165; Isa. 52:7)

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* <https://www.gotquestions.org/sound-doctrine.html>

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 - B. Refute those who Contradict
 - 1. Refute (elegcho)
 - Bring to light something hidden, (especially sin) with an intention to bring conviction
 - 2. Contradict (antilego)
 - To speak against something, to dispute the truth



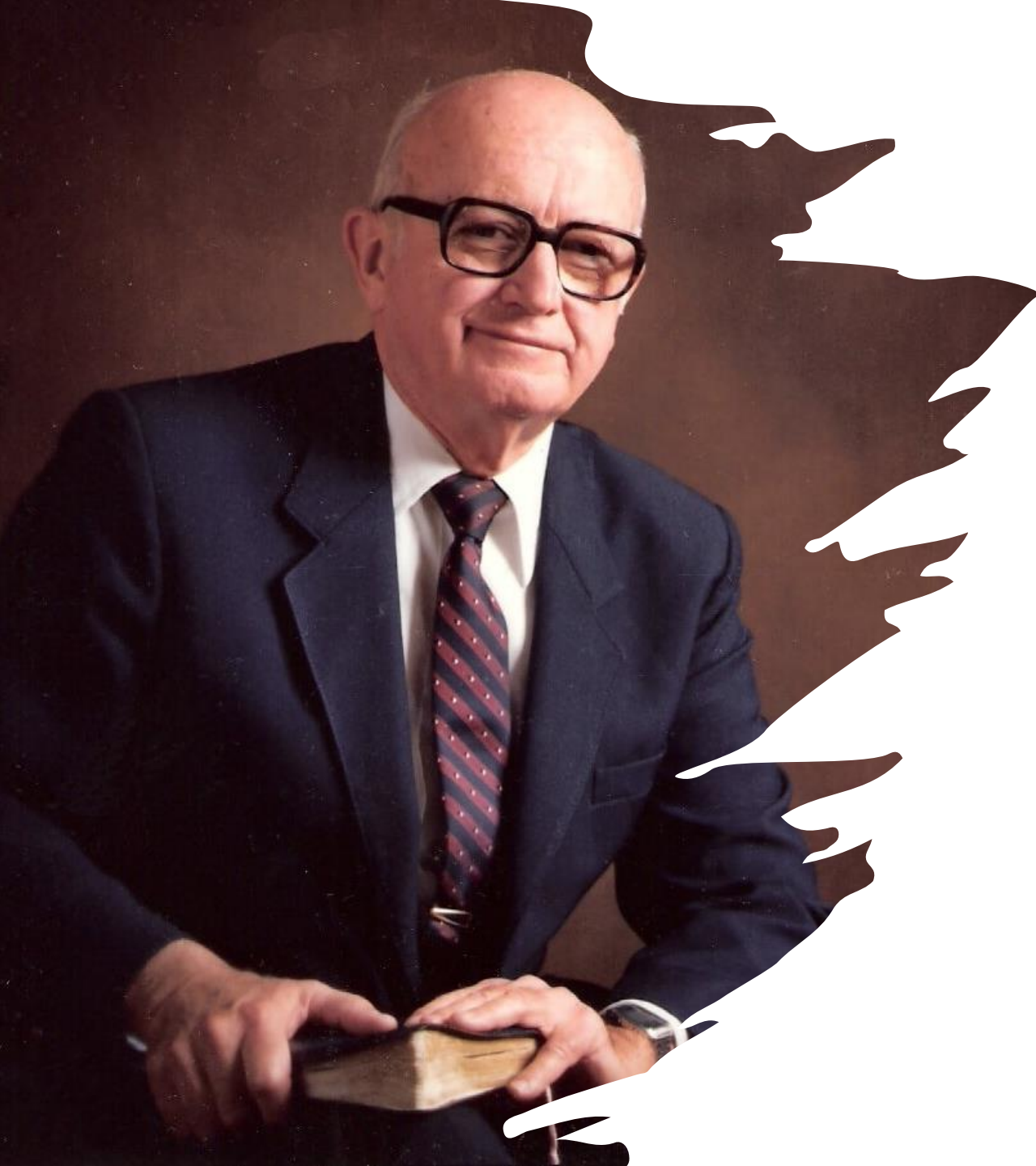
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Why Refute?

1. Preserves the Purity of the Gospel (Gal. 1:6-9; Titus 2:1)
2. Strengthens believers in faith and obedience (Rom. 1:11-12; Col. 1:28)
3. Silences opposition and stops the spread of false teaching (2 Tim. 4:2-4; Tit. 1:10-11)
4. Establishes order and godly authority in the church (1 Tim. 3:2-5; 1 Cor. 14:40)

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"It should be noted that nothing is said about their physical prowess, educational achievements, social status or business acumen...

The picture that emerges of a godly elder is not that of a man who arranges for speakers, disburses funds, contracts for building repairs, and that's all!

The true elder is deeply and vitally involved in the spiritual life of the church by his instruction, exhortation, encouragement, rebuke, and correction."

- William MacDonald (Believer's Bible Commentary)

Purpose for Singles in Studying Titus 1:5-9

1. That we would understand and comprehend what the biblical qualifications for elders are.
2. That we would cultivate discernment in identifying a biblical church.
3. That we would pursue Christlike character.
4. That those who desire to be married, would have biblically grounded expectations for a spouse.

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Small Group Discussion

1. What are some ways we can “hold firm” to God’s Word in a culture that often questions it?
2. How might this verse challenge the way we evaluate church leaders or teachers today?
3. In what ways can ordinary believer’s model this same steadfastness to the Word in daily life?

