



THE CHURCH

“Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

**- John Adams
(2nd President)**



What is the Church?



Ekklesia – “the called out ones”

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

And they [continually] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



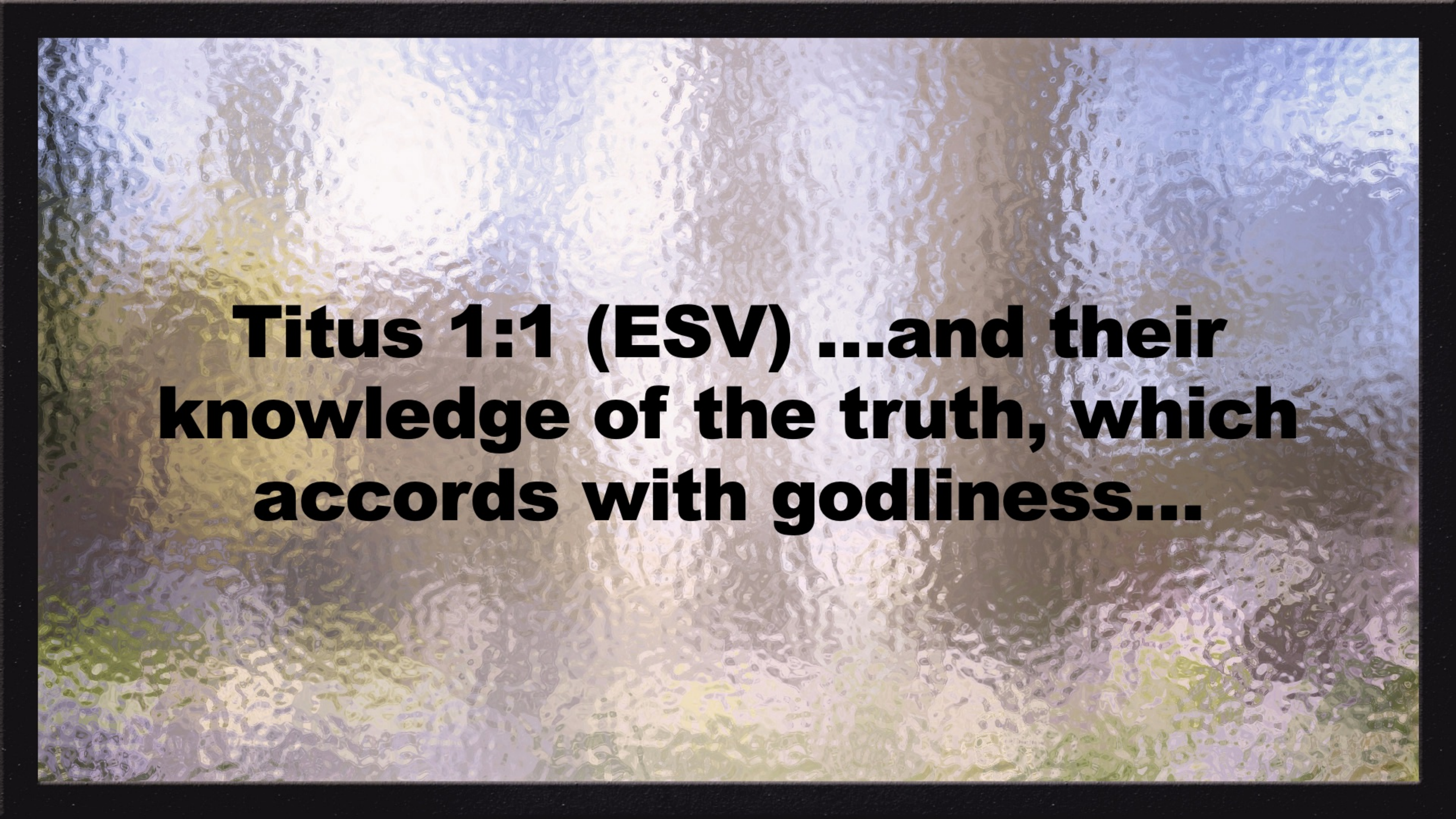
**The Church is a gathering of people
called out to Biblical Doctrine.**

**Doctrine – denotes teaching, either
(a) that which is taught or (b) the
act of teaching, instruction
(Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Old
and New Testament Words)**



**The Church does not
invent its core truth.**

**The Church is instructed in Truth
through the revealed Word of God.**



**Titus 1:1 (ESV) ...and their
knowledge of the truth, which
accords with godliness...**



**Biblical Doctrine transforms us to
live like Jesus.**

Titus 1:9 (ESV) ...so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.



**Biblical Doctrine equips us to
perceive heresy.**

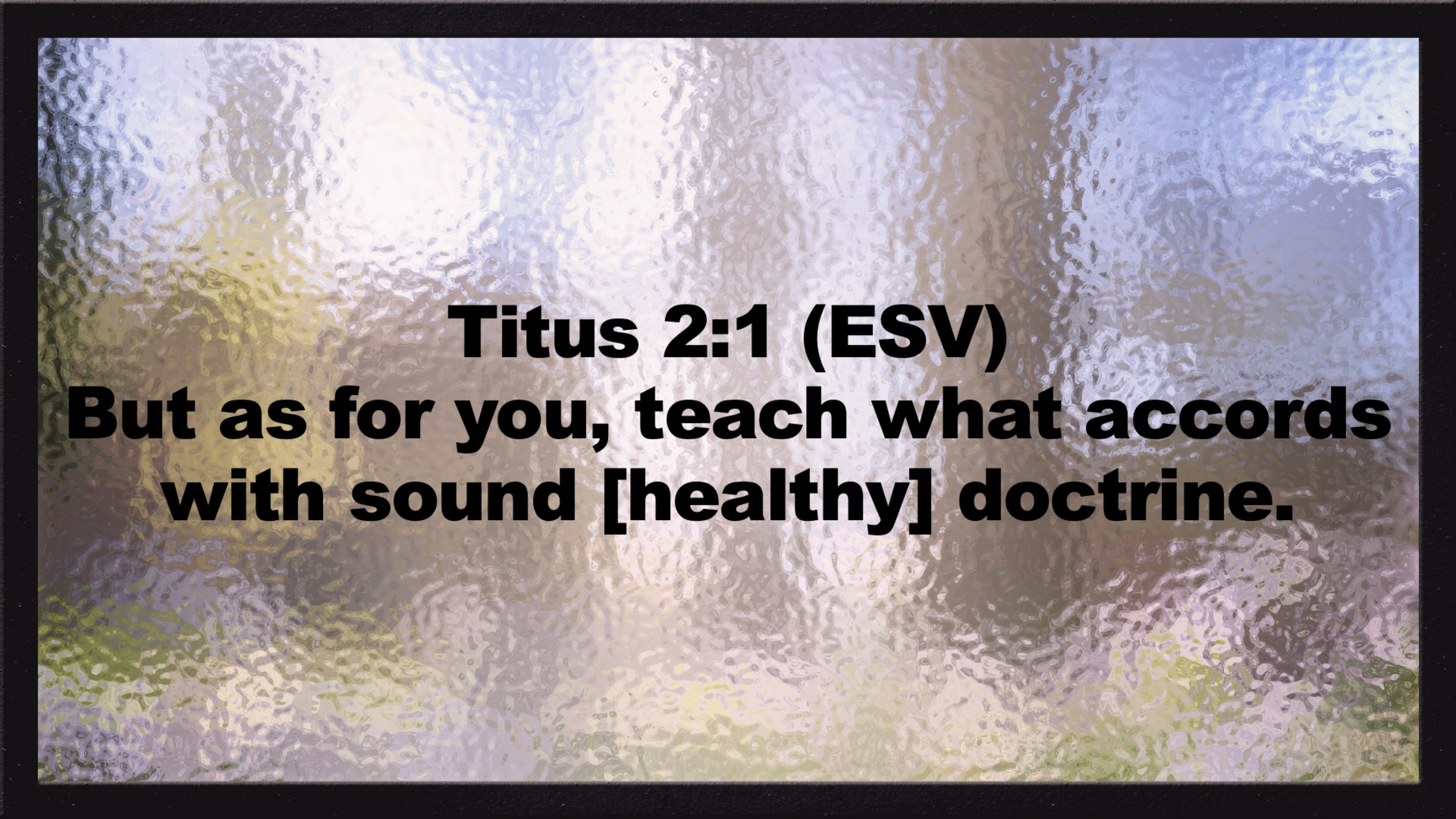


Titus 1:13 (ESV)

**...Therefore rebuke them sharply,
that they may be sound in the faith.**

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**Biblical Doctrine prevents us from
falling into Satan's traps.**



Titus 2:1 (ESV)

**But as for you, teach what accords
with sound [healthy] doctrine.**



**Biblical Doctrine makes us
spiritually healthy.**



**Be vigilant against
easy, attractive, affirmation.**

2 Timothy 4:3-4 (ESV)

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.



**Be vigilant against
sneaky, tantalizing, compromise.**

Revelation 2:14 (ESV)

...you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.



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**Renew your devotion to
Biblical Doctrine (teaching/belief).**



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