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Acts 20:28 (ESV)

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1. Is a church **submitted** to God’s Word over their desires, personal passions or feelings.

2 Timothy 4:3 (NIV)

“For the time will come when they will not **endure** sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.”

“We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and to overthrow our patterns of thought and behavior. — John Stott

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

“For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

2. Is a church where the pastors and teachers teach and proclaim the **whole counsel** of the Scriptures.

Acts 20:26-28 (ESV)

“Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.”

Colossians 1:28 (ESV)

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”