

# Bible Study Series: How to Detect False Teachers

## “The Importance of Sound Doctrine”

### Introduction:

1. The subject of “doctrine” is mentioned **55** times in the Bible.
2. Truly, one of the absolute keys in detecting false teachers is sound doctrine.
3. But, what is doctrine? Where do we derive it from? Why is it so important?
4. We will explain these questions and more in this lesson.

### I. What is doctrine?

- A. In a general sense, doctrine is “whatever is **taught**.”
- B. The principles Jesus taught constituted His **doctrine**. Matthew 7:28, Mark 1:22, 27; 4:2
- C. The doctrines of Daytona Beach Baptist Church form our **belief** system and guide us in our preaching and teaching.

### II. Where do we derive our doctrine from?

- We derive our doctrine from one source - **God’s Word**, also referred to as the **Scriptures**. John 7:16, 2 Timothy 3:16; 4:2, Titus 1:9

### III. Why is doctrine so important?

- A. Because our doctrine determines our eternal **destiny**.
  - *“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” 2 John 1:9*
- B. Because our doctrine determines our **actions**. 1 Timothy 1:10, 2 Timothy 3:10
- C. Because sound doctrine is essential for Christian **growth**. Ephesians 4:14

#### IV. Where does false doctrine come from?

- A. Ultimately, it comes from **Satan**. John 8:44
- B. It comes from **extra** - Biblical revelation. John 17:17
- C. It comes from **corrupting** God's Word. 2 Corinthians 2:17
  - 1. Misinterpreting it - 2 Peter 1:20
  - 2. Taking it out of **context** - 2 Peter 3:16
  - 3. Failing to rightly **divide** it - 2 Timothy 2:15
  - 4. Believing only **portions** of it - 2 Timothy 3:16

#### V. Some final thoughts about doctrine.

- A. Doctrine is a **divider**, and God meant it to be.
  - 1. It was in Jesus' day.
    - *"And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine."* **Mark 11:18**
  - 2. It always will be. 2 Timothy 4:3, 2 John 1:10
    - *"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."* **Romans 16:17**
- B. **Changed** lives are rooted in sound doctrine. Romans 6:17-18
  - *"Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord."* **Acts 13:12**
- C. Sound doctrine should be accompanied with a **godly** life. Titus 2:10