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Teaching

The apostle Paul taught Timothy that the church is “*the pillar and ground of the truth*” (1Tim.3:15). The truth is God’s word (Jn.17:17). You and I are the church (1Cor.12:27). We are the pillar and ground of the truth when we live, defend, and teach the word of God.

The church of Christ is a teaching community. Jesus said we are to make disciples by baptizing and teaching them to observe all his commandments (Mt.28:19-20). Paul urged Timothy to given attention to reading, exhortation, and doctrine or teaching and to take heed unto himself and his teaching (1Tim.4:13, 16). “*These things teach and exhort*” Paul told Timothy (1Tim.6:2). “*Preach the word...with all longsuffering (patience) and doctrine (teaching),*” Paul charged (2Tim.4:2).

If a man is to be a bishop (overseer) in the church he must be able to teach (1Tim.3:2) and he must hold fast the faithful word as he has been taught that he may be able to teach others by and with sound teaching (Titus 1:9). “*He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it*” (ESV).

Deacons must be sound in the faith and exemplify this in how they live (1Tim.3:9). Sound doctrine is to be taught every age group in the church (Titus 2:1-6).

It is by teaching that each member of the church learns how he ought to behave himself in the house of God which is the church (1Tim.3:15). If the church is to be sound (healthy), it requires a steady diet of sound teaching.

Next Sunday we begin a new quarter of Bible classes. Let’s all support the God-ordained duty and privilege of teaching by our enthusiastic participation. Be in a Bible class (either as a teacher or student) Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Bring your Bible and be ready to receive the word with all readiness of mind, searching and seeking the truth of God.

–Steve.