

6. Paul references the “true gospel” about 36 times while comparing and contrasting that to the false doctrine. Why do you think this was so important for him to communicate to Timothy, the church in Ephesus and the church today? (See 2 Tim. 1:8; 1:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2:16-17; 2:22)

7. Read Vs. 3-4, do you see evidence of these characteristics today? How can you ensure that you are abiding in sound doctrine? How can you determine if your doctrine is not sound?

8. What are examples of present day fables that we need to avoid listening to and following after?

9. Why do you think Jesus and Paul saw their life and ministry as being “poured out like a drink offering”?

10. What is required of someone to make the statement, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”

11. For those who finish the race well, they will receive a crown of righteousness. How does this differ from the prizes or rewards that we receive in this life? How does someone obtain a crown of righteousness?

Application:

1. How can you be bold to preach the Word and be ready in season and out of season in your life?
2. Evaluate your life to determine if you have “itching ears” and have stored up for yourself teachers who will appease you and what you want to hear.
3. In light of the last days, how can you avoid fables and false doctrine that can subtly slip into your lives and begin to spread into everything you are involved in?
4. How can we ensure that we are meeting that goal of fighting the good fight, finishing our race, and keeping the faith so that we enter the narrow gate as mentioned in Matthew 7:13-14?

Prayer Requests:

1. Healing on Twyla’s knee post replacement surgery.
2. For spiritual growth and fruit among the body of believers.
3. Pray for provisions and God’s blessing upon Calvary Kuna.
4. Church Family: Casey and Megan Allen