

## Sound doctrine incorporates the following experiences:

1. The humble in heart seeking God (Matt. 5:8),
2. Receiving enlightenment from God (I Jn. 2:8),
3. Growing in faith and love (Gal. 5:6), and
4. Being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit (I Jn. 2:9)
5. Within the context of life and community (II Cor. 13:1; Acts 15).

**Sound doctrine** incorporates the experiences of the humble in heart seeking God, being enlightened by God, growing in faith and love, and experiencing transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit while nurturing a relationship with life and community.

## Theology is wrong if:

1. It is a result of man's reasoning rather than anointed reasoning (Prov. 3:5-8 compared with I Cor. 2:2:9-10; Lk. 1:1-3 combined with II Tim. 3:16).
2. It is a result of man's study rather than biblical meditation (Phil. 3:1-10 - Paul repudiates all his traditional learning). Meditation is encouraged in place of study (Josh. 1:8). II Timothy 2:15 is a mistranslation. In the Greek, the word is not "study" but "be diligent." Since this is the only verse that seems to recommend study, it becomes evident that the western approach to study is never endorsed in Scripture.  
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*vs. Academic; Nature*
3. It fosters a critical and judgmental spirit (Matt. 7:2; Jn. 5:30; 7:24; 8:15,16).  
*vs. Habit*
4. It encourages you to live out of your theology rather than your relationship with God. (Gal. 5:25 - we are to walk and live in the Spirit; Heb.12:1-2 - we are to fix our eyes upon Jesus, not upon our theology.)  
*vs. Habit*
5. It does not focus on building faith, hope and love, which are the abiding realities (I Cor. 13:13).
6. It does not teach you to encounter the Lord by the Spirit. I Timothy 1:5 states that the goal of our instruction (teaching or doctrine)

is the development of the qualities by which we enter into the throne room of God (Heb. 10:19-23).

7. If it teaches detached knowledge (Greek-style education), rather than personal encounter with the Holy Spirit (Hebrew-styled *lamad* education).

“Theology and doctrine are not legitimate, if they are not the result of revelation-dependent study (*lamad*).” Dr. Gary Greig