

Sound Words

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“Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 1:13 NKJV.

The inspired apostle Paul commanded the young evangelist to “hold fast the pattern of sound words.” This statement **implies** (1) that there **is** a pattern, and (2) the pattern is composed of **sound words**. In this present era of post-modernism where there is supposedly *no objective standard*, these words sound strange and foreign. A post-modern advocate would just dismiss this Scripture as “old-fashioned, out of date, and irrelevant.”

Unfortunately for the post-modernist, Jesus said His Word would stand forever! **Matthew 24:35**. Jesus is God, and as such is eternal, immortal, and unchangeable. So the post-modernist is wrong, and his unbelief is unfounded and unsustainable.

Some Christians have been affected by the post-modern concept and you will hear such ones speak of “new ideas and interpretations,” and the need “to effect change.” But in reality they are only advocating the same old, tired, out-dated plea for departure from the sound foundation of the living God! Do not be moved by them, dear brethren!

Paul, by Divine inspiration, saw the future time when brethren would not endure “*sound doctrine*” (**2 Tim. 4:3**). The inspired solution was not to follow apostates into eternal error, but to “*Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching*” (**2 Tim. 4:2**). So some things never change. God’s Word is eternal, immortal, and invincible. Unbelievers, both in and out of the church, will try to dismiss God’s Word with a wave of the hand and an upturned nose. You and I, beloved brethren, will do what Paul said to do “*hold fast the pattern of sound words*”!

Read also **1 Timothy 1:10, Titus 1:9, Titus 2:1** and stay tuned in to “*sound doctrine*”!

*“But as for you, speak the things which are proper for **sound doctrine**” (Titus 2:1).*

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