

INTRODUCTION

Where does our teaching and exhorting come from? Our teaching and exhorting comes from our agreeing with the words of Jesus Christ and the doctrine that accords with godliness, from our consenting to them, because they are wholesome or good for us, and because they are authoritative, being from our Lord. That's where our teaching and exhorting comes from.

Where does other-teaching come from? Teaching otherwise, or other-teaching, comes from men's not agreeing with the words of Jesus and the doctrine that accords with godliness, because of pride or conceit, because of ignorance or lack of understanding, because of some unhealthy interest in controversy.

You recognize what I've just said as a summary of what we have learned recently in 1 Timothy chapter 6. We learned where teaching otherwise comes from. Having learned where it comes from, today, let us learn where it goes.

To put that another way:

The apostle has told us what already is going on in someone who teaches otherwise. Now he tells us what will be going on this congregation if we let someone teach otherwise, and if we listen to him.

TEXT

1 Timothy 6:3-5a If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, ~~5 useless wranglings~~ perverse disputings...

BODY

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- I. What We Will See In the Congregation If We Allow Someone to Teach Otherwise
 - A. Teaching otherwise produces some things; some things come from that
 1. GEN, KJV: whereof cometh
 2. NKJV: from which come
 3. ESV: which produce
 4. CSB: From these come
 - B. Here are some of those things that will come, that will be produced
 1. Envy
 2. Strife or dissension or quarreling
 3. Reviling or railings or slander
 4. Evil suspicions or surmisings
 5. Perverse disputings
 - a) noun: disputations or disputings or friction or disagreement
 - (1) literally something that rubs, producing irritation
 - (2) used to describe disputes or disagreements or arguments
 - b) adjective:
 - (1) newer scholarship: constant, continued, lasting
 - (2) older scholarship: froward, perverse
 - (a) both meaning “twisted”
 - (i) Old English word fromward, became froward
 - (ii) opposite of “toward”
 - (iii) used to be used to translate Latin “perversus”
 - (b) Gill: [men] who...dispute in a very froward and perverse way, rubbing and galling one another...
 - C. That is where other-teaching is going, that’s where it goes, that’s where it takes people
 - D. If we here allow someone to other-teach, if we give heed to those who teach otherwise, those are the things we will see right here in this congregation

- II. What We Will See In the Congregation If We Teach the Wholesome Words of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Doctrine That Accords with Godliness - 1 Tim 1:3-5
- A. Godly edifying [ESV stewardship] which is in faith
1. serving the word of God to every member of the household, for his growth, strengthening, etc.
 - a) milk for babes
 - (1) repentance from sin and forgiveness
 - (2) faith toward God and eternal life
 - (3) baptism to represent the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus
 - (4) resurrection of the dead
 - (5) eternal judgment
 - b) solid food or strong meat for the mature
 - (1) Christ as the fulfillment of the OT types, like Melchizedek, and Noah, and Joseph
 - (2) mysteries that lay hidden until the time of Jesus, like the church being made out of Christ's side as Eve was made out of Adam's side
 2. in faith
 - a) everything about salvation and life in Christ is about faith
 - b) true edification, real building up in Christ is done by feeding people what is true and spiritual and of Jesus Christ, and urging them to believe that truth
- B. Love from a pure heart
1. Ephesians 6:5-6 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in **sincerity of heart**, as to Christ; (6) not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,
 2. 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- C. Love from a good conscience
1. Hebrews 13:18 Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.
- D. Love from sincere faith
1. "sincere" gets across the general idea, but fails us because it is not a negation
 2. *anupokritos* = un-hypocritical = not play-acting
 3. Wycliffe: faith not feigned
 4. Tyndale, etc: faith unfeigned
- E. The words of Jesus Christ and the doctrine that accords with godliness, as the Holy Spirit uses them in us, have the power to produce these blessings in us.

CONCLUSION

Obviously, we do not want to see envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, and perverse disputing in this congregation, which we value so highly. Instead, we want to see godly edifying in faith, and love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. That being the case, let it be that we agree with the wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the doctrine that accords with godliness, and these things teach and exhort. And let it be that we do not allow or listen to someone teaching otherwise.

Thad - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Isaiah 12:4-6

Roel - Scripture Reading - Psalm 130

Jeremiah - Congregational Prayer

Allison - Prelude

Rita - Trinity 727 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" - Alex lead

Rita - Trinity 412 "Out of the Deep I Call" - Andrew lead

Journey - Trinity 689 "One Day"

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