

Prepared for false teaching

1 Timothy 6:3-5; 20-21

- I. Detection: We can often detect false doctrine by watching those who teach it (1 Timothy 6:3-5).
 - A. They disagree with basic biblical truths (6:3).
 - 1. They are wrong about Jesus Christ and the gospel.
 - 2. They are wrong about godliness.
 - B. False teachers are conceited (6:4a).
 - C. False teachers thrive on controversy (6:4b-5a).
 - 1. They argue about controversial issues.
 - 2. They create envy, division and anger.
 - D. False teachers seek financial gain (6:5b).

- II. Protection: We protect ourselves from false doctrine by guarding the truth (1 Timothy 6:20-21).
 - A. Guard: We guard God's Word by teaching it and reminding ourselves continuously (6:20a).
 - B. Avoid: We don't need to engage every argument about false doctrine (6:20b).
 - C. Beware: Understand the danger of turning from truth (6:21).