

One Book

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2 Timothy 3:16-17, 4:1-5

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

3 ways false doctrine emerges:

(taken from John Wesley sermon “On Corrupting the Word of God” in 1728)

False doctrines emerge when...

1. HUMAN IDEAS ARE ADDED TO SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 2:1-3

1 ... there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them-bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

False doctrines emerge when...

2. SCRIPTURE IS INTERPRETED ERRONEOUSLY

That’s why it’s best to:

- Read (and study) Scripture for yourself
- Engage the Holy Spirit as you read and interpret Scripture
- Assess for harmony with other Scripture

False doctrines emerge when...

3. SCRIPTURE IS SOFTENED BY DISTORTING THE MEANING IN AN EFFORT NOT TO OFFEND

2 Tim 4:3

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