

Title: FOUR IMPORTANT BIBLE SOUNDS

Text: Titus 1:9-13 and 2:7-8

Intro: In this study Paul gives us four important Bible "sounds" which we need to notice, namely: SOUND – DOCTRINE, FAITH, MIND, and SPEECH. In these cases the word "*sound*" is not something we hear, but is an adjective used to describe that which is "*whole, healthy, true, without error, not defective.*"

1. SOUND DOCTRINE IS IMPORTANT (Tit 1:9)

- A.** From God, not man (**John 7:16**)
- B.** Not a strange doctrine (**Rom 16:17**)
- C.** Related with good testimony (**2 John 9**)

2. SOUND FAITH IS IMPORTANT (Tit 1:13)

- A.** Comes from hearing God's word (**Rom 10:17**)
- B.** Gives spiritual insight (**Heb 11:27**).
- C.** Affects consequences in our life (**Matt 9:29**)

3. SOUND MIND IS IMPORTANT (2 Tim 1:7)

- A.** Comes from God, not the world (cf. **2 Cor 4:4**)
- B.** The mind of Christ (**1 Cor 2:16**; **Phil 2:5-8**)
- C.** Renewed mind (**Rom. 12:2**).

4. SOUND SPEECH IS IMPORTANT (2 Tim 1:13)

- A.** Doesn't use mouth for evil (**Psa 34:13**)
- B.** Ministers to hearers (**Eph 4:29**)
- C.** Speaks the truth in love (**Eph 4:15**)

Conclusion: The world needs people who are sound in – DOCTRINE, FAITH, MIND and SPEECH! Sound doctrine rightly teaches this Book; sound faith believes the doctrines of this Book; sound mind thinks like Christ; and sound speech edifies hearers. These four things make up sound behavior. Is that where God finds you today? If not, you need to get things right!

Tit 1:9> Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

John 7:16> Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

Rom 16:17> Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

2 John 9> Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Tit 1:13> This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

Heb 11:27> By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Matt 9:29> Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

2 Tim 1:7> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1 Cor 2:16> For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Rom 12:2> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 Tim 1:13> Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Psa 34:13> Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Eph 4:29> Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Eph 4:15> But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: