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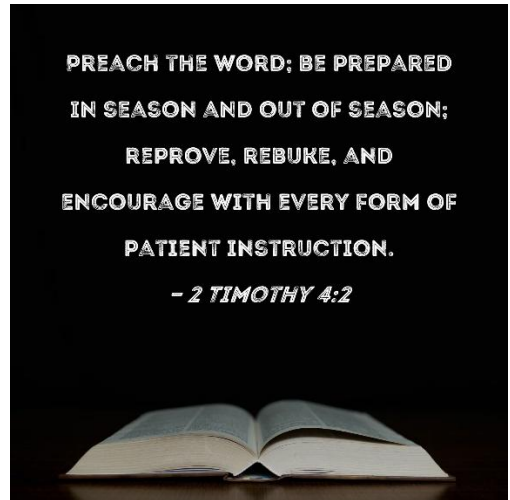


Repair

- 2 Peter 1:4-8
- Matt 7:24-27
- 2 Peter 1:5-11
- Matthew 12:43-45



**PREACH THE WORD; BE PREPARED
IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON;
REPROVE, REBUKE, AND
ENCOURAGE WITH EVERY FORM OF
PATIENT INSTRUCTION.
- 2 TIMOTHY 4:2**



Does It Cost Too Much? 10/16/2025 by David Gibson

The parable is only one verse long, but what a lesson is packed in those few words!

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Matthew 13:44).

Unlike the treasure-finder in Jesus’ parable, the Rich Young Ruler came upon a treasure he was unwilling to sell all to obtain.

What a contrast! One sold, one kept; one was happy, the other sad. Why the difference? One man focused on what he would gain, the other on what he would lose.

Jesus told the Rich Young Ruler, “Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven” (Luke 18:22). What did the young man hear Jesus say? Certainly, he heard, “Sell all,” but did he also hear, “and you will have treasure in heaven”? He heard cost, but did he hear compensation? And we? The clearer we see the prize we gain, the less we care about cost.

“For whoever would save his life will lose it,” Jesus said, “but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 16:25).

In view of all this, we could rephrase the old saying, “Finders, keepers; losers, weepers.” It should say, “Losers, finders; keepers, weepers.”

So, whatever it costs, it’s worth it!

Check Your Soundness 10/20/2025 by Terry Wane Benton

To be sound is to be solid and healthy as opposed to weakened and sickly. There are six areas mentioned in the book of Titus that we need to examine in ourselves. Are you:

1. Sound in the doctrine you believe and practice? ([Titus 1:9](#); [2:1](#)): Is your belief solidly built on the word of God and not the doctrines of men? Doctrines of men make for unsound doctrine. Believe the scriptures as your basis for doctrinal soundness ([II Timothy 3:16-17](#)).
2. Sound in the Faith? ([Titus 1:13](#)): There is **one** faith ([Ephesians 4:3-4](#)), and if it is not the teaching delivered by the Holy Spirit in the Bible, then your faith can be in vain. The Galatians were erroneously mixing the faith of Christ with the law of Moses and were becoming unsound in the faith ([Galatians 5:1-4](#)). You cannot have a mixture of faith in the revelation of Jesus and mix it with abolished law or traditions of men. Make sure you are sound in **the** faith.
3. Sound in faith? ([Titus 2:2](#)): This is a little different in that it is the personal faith you use in dealing with life and what it hands you. If it hands you some difficulties, are you sound in faith that you and the Lord will handle this?
4. Sound in love? ([Titus 2:2](#)): Is your love for God sound and solid? Is your love for your brethren sound? Is your love for your enemies sound?
5. Sound in patience? ([Titus 2:2](#)): This speaks to the temper as well as the durability of your faith. Is this solid and sound?
6. Sound in speech? ([Titus 2:8](#)): Do you use filthy words? Do you tell the truth? Do you lie? Do you speak biblically in your teaching? How sound is your speech?

Now, think about what God sees in you? Does He see soundness in all six areas in you? Let’s work on becoming sound and solid in all these areas.