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1 Timothy 3:15



EVERY CHURCH IS SHAPED BY SOMETHING

- Many churches are shaped by culture (1 Cor. 9:22; Rev. 3:17; Jn. 18:10, 36).
- Some churches are rooted in tradition (Matt. 12:1-2; Col. 2:21-23).
- Other churches are caught up in a personality (3 Jn. 9; 1 Cor 1:12-15).



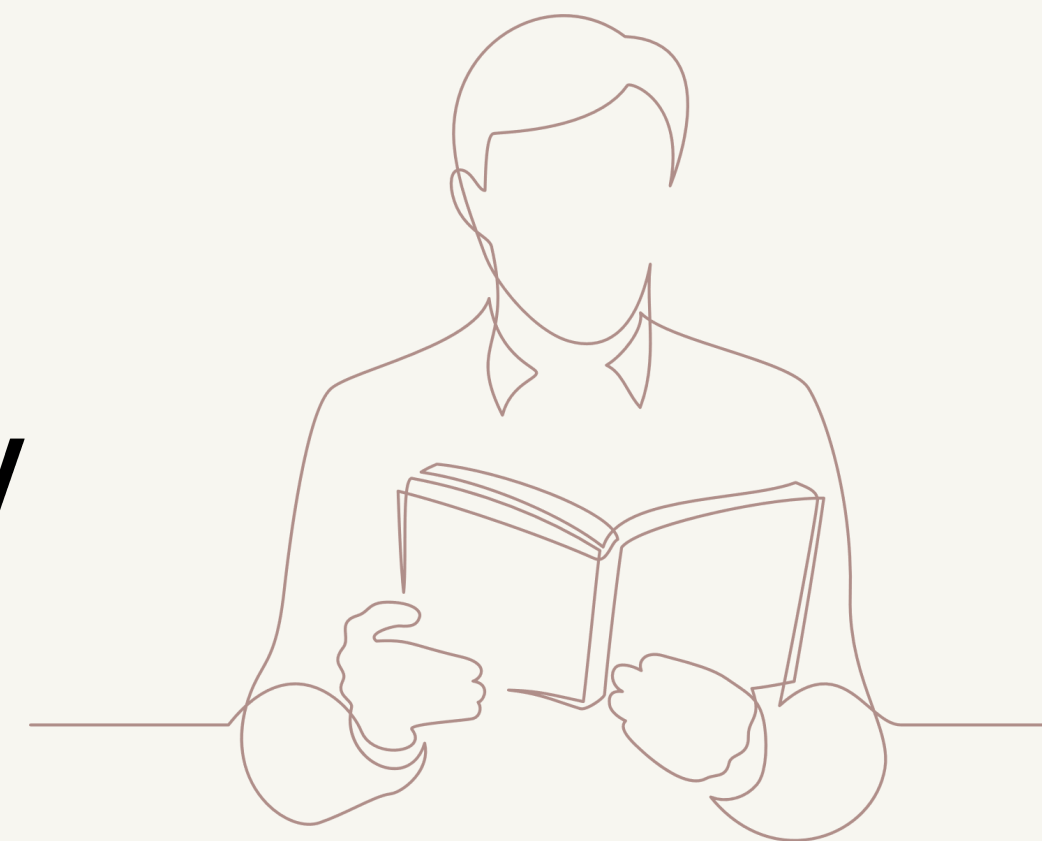
SCRIPTURE SHOULD BE THE FOUNDATION

- It should be the defining characteristic (1 Tim. 3:14-15).
- Our aim is to only do what we God has taught us to do (Col. 3:17; Matt. 3:3-4; Jn. 5:19).
- This ought to characterize Christians at home and in groups.



EVERY OTHER INFLUENCE IS SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE

- We are always influenced by other factors (Acts 13-14).
- Scripture provides a restraint to outside influences (1 Cor. 9:19-23).
- It provides the first and final point of comparison (Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Jn. 4:1).
- There is no other way to build true unity (2 Tim. 3:16; Acts 17:11).



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