Three Attributes Of Sound Doctrine
2 Tim. 4:1-5

Introduction:
A. “Doctrine” irrelevant and unpopular with many.
   1. “Be practical!”
   2. “Be relevant!”
B. “Sound doctrine” essential:
   1. To spiritual health. (HUGIAINO–hygiene).
   2. To the salvation of those who teach and hear. (1 Tim. 4:16).
C. Sound doctrine has three attributes as described in the text:

Discussion:
I. It Is Biblical in its Content. –“Preach the word” (v. 2; cf. 2 Tim. 3:16,17).
   A. The word is sufficient (2 Tim. 3:16,17; Gal. 1:8,9).
   B. The word is powerful. (Heb. 4:12; cf. Rom. 1:16; Acts 2:37).
   C. The word is able to save. (Jas. 1:21,22).
   D. Contains “teaching” not “fluff”.

II. It Is Practical in its Application. (v.2)
   A. It convinces the unconvinced.
      1. There are people not convinced of their sinful state before God.
      2. There are people not convinced of one God, Lord, baptism, etc.
      3. There are people not convinced of need to assemble, worship, work, purity.
   B. It rebukes the rebellious. (Cf. Titus 1:10-13)
      1. There are people who know their sinful state, but are rebellious.
      2. There are people who know right way, but refuse to conform to it.
   C. It exhorts the discouraged and striving.
      1. The weak and discouraged need encouragement to overcome.
      2. The faithful striving Christian needs encouragement to keep on. (cf. Heb. 10:25).

III. It Is Urgent in its Need. —“In season, out of season”.
   A. Must feed on it regularly or will drift into error.
      1. Soon, they will not endure (hold up–support) sound teaching. (v. 3).
      2. Next, they will select teachers to teach to suit them. (v. 4).
      3. Next, they will turn ears from truth — will not listen any more. (v.4).
      4. Next, they will turn to false religion or fables. (v. 4).
   B. Must accept and support sound doctrine now or “time will come…”

Conclusion:
A. Believe, obey, teach and support sound doctrine while it still appeals to you.
B. Teach and support sound doctrine in all forms: reproof, rebuke, exhortation.