

1. THIS IS A FAITHFUL SAYING. Verse 8

1. These things affirm constantly. Those things of verses 5-7
2. That they which have believed in God might be careful:

2. TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS.

1. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works. Matt. 5:16
2. For a good work we stone thee not. John 10:33
3. Well reported of for good works. 1 Tim. 5:10
4. Charge them that are rich in this world... That they do good; that they be rich in good works; ready to distribute; willing to communicate. 1 Tim. 6:17, 18

3. WHAT ARE GOOD WORKS?

1. Works that have right motives. Matt. 6:2, 5
2. Works that have a right standard.
(1) Saul of Tarsus persecuting saints. Standard wrong

4. SOMETHINGS TO AVOID AND WHY. Verse 9

1. Fodlish questions.
(1) Questions not easily answered, yet if answered would have no bearing on practical Christianity
EXAMPLES:
1a. Which side of Jesus was pierced by the spear
2a. What went with the bodies of those who came out of the graves at the resurrection?
2. Genealogies.
(1) Jewish pedigrees used literally to exalt individuals as of priestly or Davidic origin.
3. Contentions and strivings about the law.
(1) Obedience to the law necessary in order to salvation so the Judaizing teachers taught, with great violence against all who maintained that obedience to the gospel alone was enough.
4. Such disputes are unprofitable and vain.

5. The HERETIC IDENTIFIED... HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM.

1. One obstinately attached to an opinion contrary to the peace of the congregation. Judaism in opposition to Christianity. Insists on circumcision to be saved
2. After the first and second admonition reject.
Matt. 18:15-17
3. Subverted... Turned out of the way. Sinneth knowingly. Self-condemned... continues to head the schism.

