



Big Idea: False teaching ruins future generations.

1.) Adherence to TRUTH is the gateway to glory (v. 5-6).

- The Word of God handed down through Moses was the ticket to triumph in Israel (v. 5).
- True knowledge of and obedience to God's Word is and will forever remain the pathway of blessing from God (Psalm 1:1-6).

2.) False doctrine is TREASON (v. 7).

- The Word of God is and must always be the minister's message (1 Cor. 2:1-2).
- False doctrine is a betrayal of our calling from God (2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Peter 2:9, 2 Corinthians 5:20)
- The lips of every believer should guard God's truth, for each of us has been appointed a messenger of the Lord.

3.) False doctrine is **TOXIC** (v. 8-9).

- False doctrine is a toxin that poisons everyone who receives it (v. 8).
- Partiality in preaching most often means favoring Scriptures we like and ignore the parts we don't (v. 9).

4.) False doctrine ruins **FUTURES** (v. 1-3).

- False doctrine engenders consequences that fall hardest upon the next generation (v. 2).
- Because the priests' attempts to bless others could only bring about curses from God, their unique function as priests was worse than useless.
- God hates deception and cannot **BLESS** it (Proverbs 19:9).
 - If we allow deception to take root in the hearts of our children, they will suffer the consequences of bad beliefs and failed philosophies (v. 3).
 - False doctrines and secular philosophies are derailing the faith of our young people.
 - Truth is fading from our younger generations because they are being fed a steady stream of **LIES**
- The degree to which our children embrace deception is the degree to which they will ultimately experience despair (Mark 8:36, Eph. 5:6-8, Col. 2:8).

5.) Cling tenaciously to **TRUTH** (v. 4).

- The tragic consequences of false doctrine are one means by which God returns human hearts to His Word.

- The fact that wickedness is called wisdom in our world today is a strident reminder from God that the Bible is our only reliable guide.
- Of all the blessings we could possibly give our children, God's truth rises above them all.
- False doctrine ruins futures. Make every effort to make sure it does not ruin