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- *And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. 9 But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. Acts 19:8-10*

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- Some concerns for the future
- *For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. Acts 20:29-31*
- They needed to be prepared.

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- At the writing of the letter to the Ephesians (61-63 ad) church is still healthy and faithful
- *Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: Eph. 1:15-17*
- No mention of any error or problems in this book.

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Paul's Charge to Timothy

- *As I urged you when I went into Macedonia — remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. 1 Tim 1:3-5*

Paul's Charge to Timothy

- *This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, 20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme. 1 Tim 1:18-20*

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- It is imperative we understand and also keep this charge

Not a NEW Charge

- Teach no other doctrine give no heed to fables.
- One of the most often given commands.
- *You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. Deut 4:2*
- *"Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it. Deut 12:32*

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- *Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. Pr. 30:5-6*
- *Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. Josh 1:7-8*

Jesus' Charge to Disciples

- *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' Mt 7:21-23*

Jesus Charge to Apostles

- *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Mt 28:18-20*

Jesus charge to the Pharisees

- *He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men — the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." 9 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. Mark 7:6-9*

Jesus Charge to Disciples

- *He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. John 12:48*
- *If you love Me, keep My commandments. Jn 14:15*
- *10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. Jn 15:10*

Paul's Charge to Corinth

- *Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1Cor 1:10*
- *6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other 1 Cor 4:6*

Paul's Charge to Galatia

- **Teach no other doctrine give no heed to fables.**
- *I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. Gal 1:6-8*
- *You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. Gal 5:4*

John's charge to All

- *Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds. 2Jn 1:9-11*
- 1 John 4:1-2
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- *1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ...*
- *They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 1 John 4:1, 5-6*

John's charge to those who Hear

- *For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. Rev 22:18-19*

Paul's Charge to Timothy

- **Teach no other doctrine give no heed to fables.**
- *I charge in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables. 5 But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry. 2 Tim 4:1-5*

Those who did not keep it

- Teach no other doctrine give no heed to fables.
- Many rejected for adding to God's word
- *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom 10:17*
- **Cain-** not "by faith" Heb 11:4
- **Nadab & Abihu** offered strange fire. Lev 10:1-3
- **Moses** for striking rock & saying "we" Num 20:1-12
- **Saul** offered burnt offering; brought back animals.
- **Uzzah** ark carried improperly
- **Solomon** ignoring command about foreign women.
- **Jeroboam** for changing worship
- **Israel** (10 tribes) for following Jeroboam. I Kings 22:20-23

Paul's Charge to Timothy

- Now ... It is our turn.
- Multitudes have come into the world and taken nothing out...
- There is only one thing to take out
- Faithful service to God