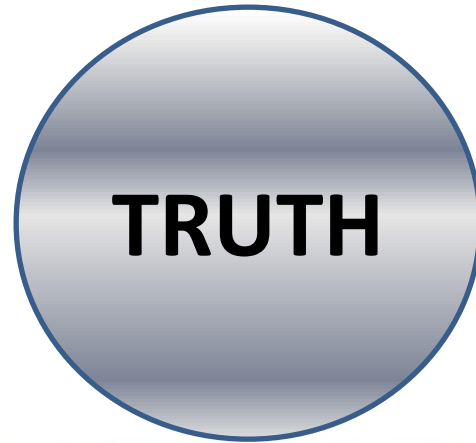


Paul's Charge to Timothy

- *As I urged you when I went into Macedonia — remain in Ephesus that you may **charge some that they teach no other doctrine**, 1Tim. 1:3-4*
- ***This charge I commit to you**, son Timothy, 1Tim. 1:18*
- *These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; 15 but if I am delayed, **I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God**, which is **the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth**. 1Tim. 3:14*
- We must keep this charge or the church is no longer the pillar and ground of the truth

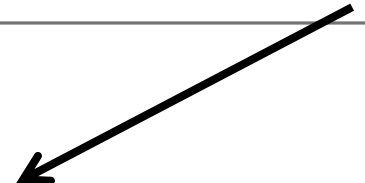
House of God—Church of the Living God



Pillar



Ground



Foundation



TRUTH



Holding up the Truth

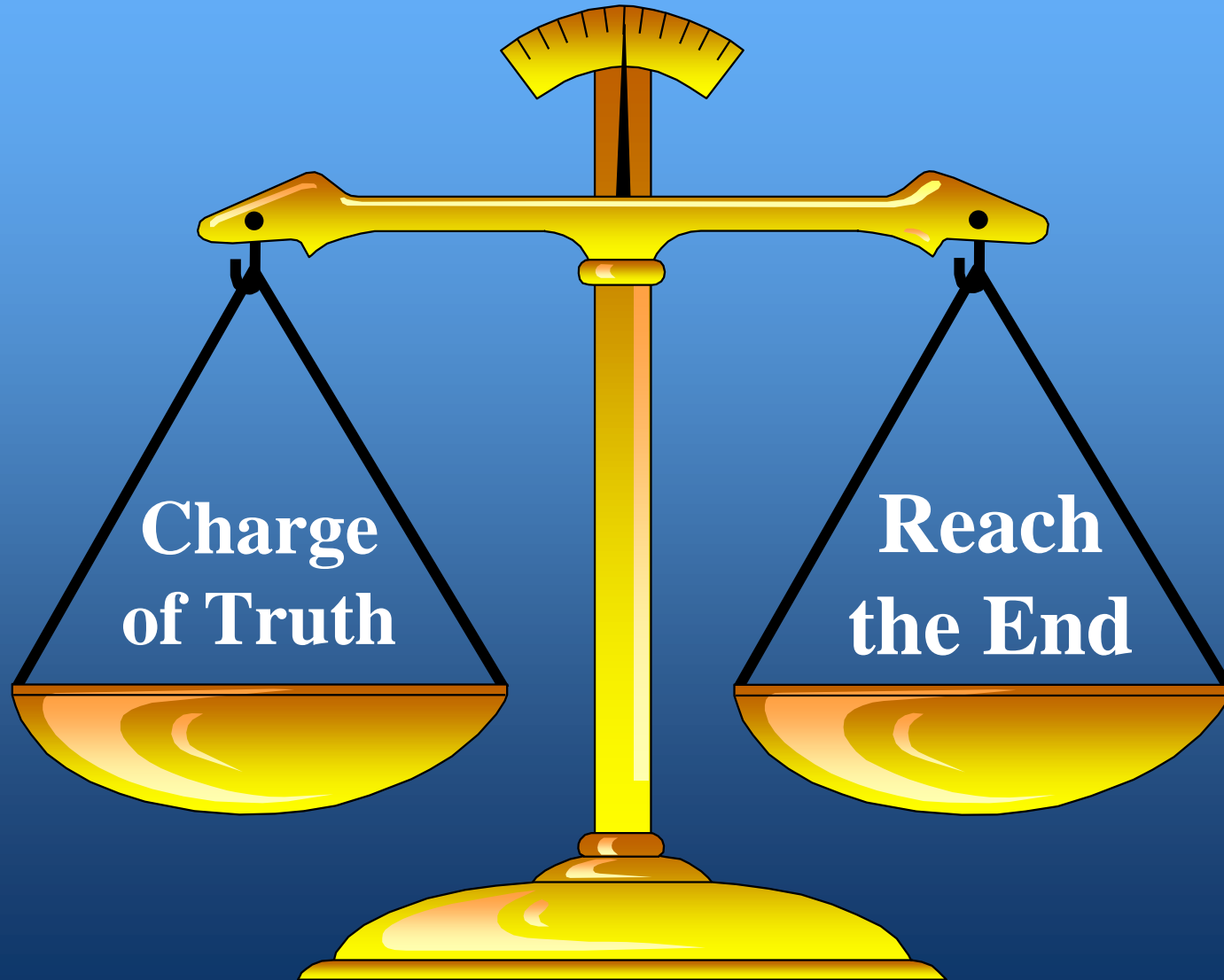
The Charge to Timothy

- For some this charge is the end.
- Entire life spent learning / defending the truth.
- Although commendable, it is not enough!
- There is a purpose and reason to defend truth:
- *But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned: 6 from which things some having swerved have turned aside unto vain talking; 1Tim. 1:5-6*
- There is a higher end, purpose and goal.
- If we know and can preach the truth, but never learn to live and apply it ... what does it profit?

Must Be A Balance

- We must know the truth
- *Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding. Prov 23:23*
- NKJV
- *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32*

Keep the Charge AND reach the End



The END of the Charge

- The aim, goal and purpose:
- Love
- A Pure Heart
- A Good Conscience
- A Sincere Faith
- Two Goals
- 1. Give diligence to present approved to God handling right the word of truth.
- 2. cultivate the end and purpose.

A Pure Heart

- *Purer in heart O God Help me to be*
- *That I thy holy face one day may see*
- *May I devote my life Wholly to Thee*
- *Watch Thou my wayward feet,*
- *Guide me with counsel sweet*
- *Purer in heart Help me to be*
- *Purer in heart O God Help me to be*
- *That I Thy holy face one day may see*
- *Keep me from secret sin*
- *Reign though my soul within*

Parables of Purity

- Purity is most often described as an absence of pollution and defilement.
- Pure air, water, land, and food have not been defiled with things that should not be there.
- Pesticides, chemicals, pollutants make impure
- The creation came pure from the hands of God. It possessed everything that should be there. In that pristine state it is always pure.
- We all know the dangers of pollution and the diseases they can cause.

Hearts of Purity

- *But now thy kingdom shall not continue: Jehovah has sought him a man after his own heart, and Jehovah has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept that which Jehovah commanded you. 1Sam 13:14*
- *But the LORD said to Samuel, Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. 1Sam 16:7*
- *Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, but the blameless in their ways are His delight. Prov 11:20*

Hearts Work Properly when Pure

- *Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Prov 4:23*
- *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man . . . Mt 15:19-20*

Hearts Work Properly When Pure

- *To the **pure** all things are pure: but to them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but by their works they deny him, being **abominable**, and **disobedient**, and unto every good work **reprobate**. Titus 1:15-16*

How to Cleanse a Polluted Heart

- The problem we all face is that our hearts were polluted BEFORE we obeyed the gospel.
- *The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. Jer. 17:9-10*
- How do we make pure what was defiled?

Cleansing a Defiled Heart

- *8 Make me to hear joy and gladness, let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice... 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.... 12 Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit. Ps 51:8, 10, 12*
- *Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Cor 7:1*

The Process leading to Purity

- *but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I Jn 1:7-9*
- *“how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” Heb 9:14.*