

## The Truth about False Teachers

I Tim. 6:3-5

### Command to teach and preach, 6:6

6:2b is a transitional statement, as in 4:11. See also 4:6, 5:7. Again, Paul is affirming the importance of repeating his authoritative instructions.

### Characteristics of false teachers, 6:3-5

- ✓ If anyone teaches differently (different teachings from what exactly?)  
*Different teaching* is further defined as that which does not agree . . .  
*with the healthy/wholesome words of Christ*, 1:10, II Tim. 1:13,4:3  
*with the doctrine of godliness*, 2:2, 3:16, 4:7,8, 6:6,11
- ✓ Common characteristics of false teachers:
  - 1) arrogant ignorance, 3:6,1:7
  - 2) sickly interest in controversy, 6:20, II Tim. 2:14,23, Titus 3:9
  - 3) envy, Js. 3:13-4:2
  - 4) strife
  - 5) abusive language (*blaspheme/slander*)
  - 6) evil suspicions
  - 7) constant friction
  - 8) depraved mind, II Tim. 3:8, Titus 1:15
  - 9) deprived of the truth, Titus 1:14, II Tim. 3:7
  - 10) motivated by money, Titus 1:11, II Pt. 2:3,

Contrast these characteristics with 3:1ff., and Titus 1:7, I Pt. 5:2.

