

The Soundness Of God's People Jeremiah 8:18-22

Many Deceived By False Standards

- ◆ Reputation. Revelation 3:2
- ◆ Numbers. cf. Deuteronomy 7:7; Matthew 7:13-14; Judges 7:4
- ◆ Physical facilities. Acts 17:24
- ◆ Prominent people. cf. 1 Corinthians 1:26
- ◆ Programs... "At least they're doing something."

Soundness Of God's People:

- ◆ **"Stand fast in the faith."**
1 Corinthians 16:13
- "Stand fast..." Galatians 5:1; Galatians 2:21; Philippians 1:27; Revelation 3:15-17; Hebrews 3:12-14
- "In the faith..." cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Acts 13:7,8,12

Soundness Of God's People:

- ◆ **Uphold sound doctrine.**
2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9; 2:1; 2 John 9; cf. 2 Timothy 4:2-4; Isaiah 30:10
- When issues come... cf. Acts 15
 - ◆ We must speak. Acts 4:20
 - ◆ We must contend. Jude 3
 - ◆ We must fight. 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Soundness Of God's People:

- ◆ **Purge the church of worldliness and dare to be different.** Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 6:17; James 1:27; 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17
- Discipline must be practiced. 1 Cor. 5:1-13

Soundness Of God's People:

- ◆ **Emphasize the spiritual above the material.** Matthew 6:19,33; Colossians 3:1-3; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Philippians 2:20-21
- Avoid respectable worldliness. Luke 14:16-20
- Takes time. Ephesians 5:15-16
 - ◆ Study. 2 Timothy 2:15
 - ◆ Prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - ◆ Visit. James 1:27
 - ◆ Teach children. Ephesians 6:1ff

Soundness Of God's People:

- ◆ **Strive for unity.** Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 2:2-3
 - Requires striving together. Philippians 1:27
 - This unity must be based on the right standard. 1 John 1:3; John 17:17

Soundness Of God's People:

- ◆ **Reproduce after her kind.** John 15:2,8; Proverbs 11:30
 - Seed of the kingdom is the word. Luke 8:11
 - Seed must be sown to reproduce. Acts 6:7; 8:4
 - Message is urgent. Romans 9:1-3; 10:1-3

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