

**Against the Flow**  
**(Courageous Christian Living)**  
**Part One: Dealing with Deception**  
**2 Timothy 4:1-5**

1. Every person will give account to the God of heaven (4:1)
2. For this reason, pastor/teachers must faithfully communicate God's Word (4:2)
3. Many people will look for 'teaching' that supports their sin (4:3-4)
4. To counter this, pastor/teachers must remain true to their calling (4:5)

**Some core principles of sound doctrine:**

- The authority of Scripture (Luke 11:28; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)
- Human identity as defined by God (Revelation 4:11; Matthew 19:4; Psalm 127:3; Ephesians 2:12-13)
- Jesus as the exclusive Savior (Acts 4:12)
- Unconditional love as defined by Scripture (John 3:16; Hebrews 12:6)
- Distinguishing between the political and the moral (Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:28-29)
- This life is not all there is (Acts 17:29-31)