The Makings Of A Sound Church

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INTRODUCTION

- Are we sound? Is the Decker Prairie Church a sound church? And perhaps an equally relevant question is, are you sound?
- The really important thing is, does God approve or not? It is God's determination of this answer to this question.
- My spiritual responsibilities before God are both individual, pertaining to my own holiness, and collective, pertaining to my obligations and activities with the local church.

1 A Sound Church Must Be Based Upon Sound Instruction

Titus 2:1; 1 Timothy 1:10; 2 Timothy 1:13

- A sound church must be based upon sound instruction.
- But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.
- And so when you get this concept of sound, it's the idea of wellness.
- Retain the standard of sound words, which you have heard from me in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.
- I dare not single out a few or several tenets of the New Testament and make those a litmus test for soundness.
- You don't get to determine what parts of the puzzle you're going to embrace or not.

2 Soundness In What We Do Corporately

- Yes, it pertains to what we do corporately or as a collective entity.
- Fringe membership is not consistent with what the Bible teaches about our collective responsibility.
- It says we're a body of people that function with one another.
- There's no entity larger than the local church in God's scheme. The way that we work and worship together. That's all a part of New Testament's instruction and is important to our soundness.

3 Sound Living In Our Individual Lives

Matthew 5:20; 1 Peter 3:7; 1 John 4:20–21

- All of the corporate correctness in this world will not be sufficient. If there is not sound living in our individual lives that coincides with it.
- Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees. You cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- We need to be alive for the Lord individually.

- If you hate your brother, it doesn't matter how right you are in instrumental music. It doesn't matter how right you are on a hundred issues.
- What about my integrity? Does that matter in my response to God?

THE CHALLENGE

The real issue is are you sound spiritually? Nobody should walk out of this building this morning unsound in your spiritual condition.

MY NOTES