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## GOD'S WORD ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

*But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods, which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude; for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.*

*In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following. But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance. For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. Prescribe and teach these things. -1 Timothy 4:1-11 (NASB)*

**SOUND DOCTRINE**

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## IMPORTANT DETAILS

**SCHEDULE AND FORMAT:** All sessions on Saturday will begin at 4:00 pm.

**COSTS:** A free will offering will be received. These funds are used to fellowship with the Bible teachers. Cash or checks may be placed in the offering box so identified at the meetings. Please make checks out to "Northwest Gospel Hall." Checks may be mailed to: Northwest Gospel Hall, 1350 Garfield, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

**BOOKS AND RECORDINGS:**

Audio tapes and/or CD's of the sessions will be available for \$5.00 per/set. Also a limited number of related books will be on hand.

**MEALS:**

A potluck supper will be provided by the local Christians who attend the seminars.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

For those traveling from outside the greater Grand Rapids area, lodging is available in the homes of the local saints. Please see "contact information" below.

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**SPONSOR:** EFM Ministries is hosted by the Christians who gather at the Northwest Gospel Hall in cooperation with other local assemblies.

**CHILDCARE:**

IF ADVANCE NOTICE IS RECEIVED, Childcare will be provided. Please give the number, age, and any special needs of the children for whom you desire care. See "Contact Information" above.

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## GOD'S WORD ON: "EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR MINISTRY"

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,..." --Ephesians 4:11-15 (NASB)*

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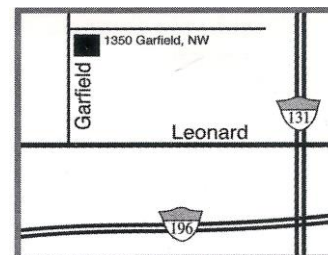
## CLASS FORMAT FOR THE 2014-2015 SEASON

This year's format will consist of four 50-min. sessions beginning at 4:00 p.m., with a potluck meal served between sessions two and three. Our goal is to finish by 8:30 pm.

Session #1	4:00 pm – 4:50 pm
Session #2	5:00 pm – 5:50 pm
— Meal Time 5:50 pm – 6:40 pm —	
Session #3	6:40 pm – 7:30 pm
Session #4	7:40 pm – 8:30 pm

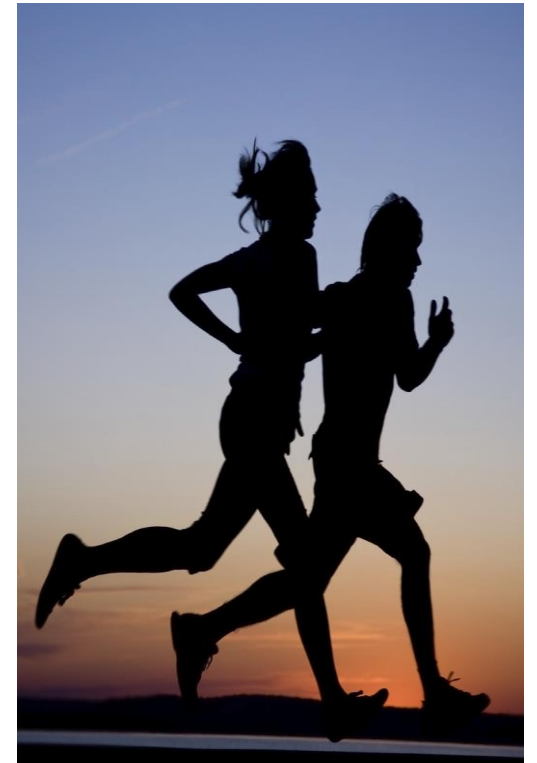
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# EFM

## Saturday Bible Studies 2014-15



## Pursuing Sound and Healthy Teaching

“for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” –Ephesians 4:12, NKJV

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**WARNING AGAINST THE  
IMPENDING APOSTASY**  
**1 TIMOTHY 4:1-2**

“There are two ways in which the Spirit might be thought of as speaking expressly. First of all, what Paul is about to say was certainly given to him by divine revelation. But it might also mean that throughout the Scriptures, and particularly in the NT, it is expressly taught that the latter times will be characterized by departure from the faith. Latter times means “in later times,” periods of time subsequent to that time when the apostle was writing.

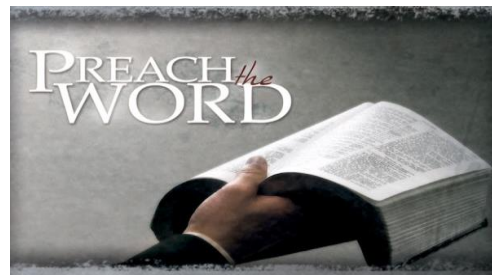
Some will depart from the faith. The word some is characteristic of 1 Timothy. What was a minority in this Epistle seems to have become the majority in 2 Timothy. The fact that these people depart or fall away from the faith does not mean that they were ever saved, but simply that they had professed to be Christians. They knew about the Lord Jesus Christ and had been told that He was the only Savior. They professed for a time to follow Him, but then they apostatized from the faith. One can scarcely read this section without thinking of the rise of cults in our own day. The way these false systems have spread is accurately described here. A great part of their membership is made up of persons who were formerly in so-called Christian churches. Perhaps at one time these churches had been sound in the faith, but then they drifted toward the social gospel. The cultist teachers came along offering a more positive message, and these professing Christians were ensnared.”

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“They give willing heed or assent to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. Deceiving spirits is used here in a figurative sense to describe the false teachers, indwelt by evil spirits, who deceive the unwary. Doctrines of demons does not mean teachings about demons, but rather doctrines which are inspired by demons or have their source in the demon world.

The word hypocrisy suggests “wearing a mask.” How typical this is of the false cultists! They try to hide their true identity. They do not want people to know the system with which they are identified. They masquerade by using Bible terms and singing Christian hymns. Not only are they hypocrites, but they are liars as well. Their teaching is not according to the truth of God’s word; they know this, and purposely deceive the people. Their conscience is seared with a hot iron. Perhaps early in their lives their conscience had been tender, but they suppressed it so often and sinned against the light so much that now their conscience has become insensitive and hardened. They no longer have any scruples about contradicting the word of God and teaching things they know are untrue.”

Article from: *The Believer’s Commentary: Old and New Testaments*,  
ed. Arthur Farstad (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995), pgs. 2091–2092.



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**2014 – 2015  
EFM SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2014**

**PURSUING: An Overview of  
Bible Doctrines**

**SPEAKER: Mike Fitzhugh, Michigan**

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**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2014**

**PURSUING: The Doctrine of  
the Scriptures**

**SPEAKERS: Paul Brinkerhoff and Bob  
Snow, Michigan**

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**SATURDAY**  
**JANUARY 24, 2015**

**PURSUING: The Doctrine of  
Servanthood**

**SPEAKER: Sam Thorpe, Georgia**

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**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2015**

**PURSUING:  
The Doctrine of Christ**

**SPEAKERS: Dean Ferris and John Lyman,  
Michigan**

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**2014 – 2015  
EFM SCHEDULE (cont.)**

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 20 – 22, 2015\***

**EFM/NORTHWEST GOSPEL  
HALL SPRING CONFERENCE**

**PURSUING: The Doctrine of  
Salvation**

**SPEAKER: Uel Crothers, Northern Ireland**

\*NOTE: A modified schedule TBA for this weekend.

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**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 18, 2015**

**PURSUING: The Doctrine of  
Headship**

**SPEAKERS: David Detrick and David  
Moldenhauer, Michigan**

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**Holding fast the faithful word  
which is in accordance with  
the teaching, that he may be  
able both to exhort in sound  
doctrine and to refute  
those who contradict.**

*Titus 1:9 (NASB)*

**But as for you, speak  
the things which are fitting  
for sound doctrine.**

*Titus 2:1 (NASB)*