

# **Our Yardstick for Truth**

*1 Timothy 6.3-5*

## **1. Our Yardstick for Measuring all Christian Teaching, v3**

- *the healthy words of Jesus Jn 6.63*  
*beware of anything different*  
*Gal 1.6-9*
  - (a) *his spoken words John 14.24-26*  
*2 Pet 1.15-28; John 20.30-31; 21.24*
  - (b) *his revealed truths John 16.12-15*  
*1 Cor 2.14; 1 Thess 4.2*
- *Jesus is God's ultimate revelation*  
*Heb 1.3*  
*God's revelation is now complete*  
*Jude 3*
- *we must work to understand it  
correctly 2 Tim 2.15*

## 2. Characteristics of False Teachers

- **conceited v4** - better than Jesus
- **shallow v4** - knowledge without real understanding 1.7; 6.20-21
- **sick v4** - unhealthy preoccupations
- **rotten v5** - in their thinking
- **greedy v5** - for personal gain  
vs 9-10; Ac 8.18-21; 1 Pet 5.2;  
Ac 20.33; 2 Cor 2.17; 1 Thess 2.5

## 3. Consequences of False Teaching

- **envy v4** - rivalries
  - **strife v4** - battles for supremacy
  - **abuse v4** - lack of respect
  - **suspicion v4** - lack of trust
  - **constant friction v5**  
- lack of harmony
- all due to losing a grip on the truth v5**  
**James 3.16-17**