

It Matters

There is an inseparable connection between doctrine and deportment: our convictions mould our characters; what we believe largely determines how we act—“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Pro 23:7). To be soundly indoctrinated and to be well grounded in the Truth is one and the same thing; and nothing but the Truth operating in the soul will preserve from error—either theoretical or practical. Of the primitive Christians, it is said, “They continued steadfastly [1] in the apostles’ doctrine and [2] fellowship, and [3] in breaking of bread, and [4] in prayers” (Act 2:42)—which at once indicates that they esteemed soundness in the Faith as of first importance; and were of a radically different spirit from those who are so indifferent to the fundamentals of Christianity—who insinuate, if not openly say, “It matters little what a man believes if his life be good.”

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