

A Stable Body – Ephesians 4:14



1) The Picture – Spiritual Children (vs14a)

Words: anchor, children, deep, doctrine, flesh, ignorant, instability, ship, storm, supermarket, thinking, waves, world

Paul shows us what Christ is protecting His church from: spiritual _____.

Christ produces believers who are no longer spiritual _____.

The word 'children' refers to those who are spiritually _____ or unlearned.

Think of a young child in a _____.

Paul relates spiritual children to 'men of _____.'

They are still influenced by the _____ and are spiritually immature.

Paul calls us to be mature in our _____. It's not about how long we have been Christians.

In contrast, the mature Christian knows _____ and has a _____ knowledge of Christ.

Paul now changes the picture to a _____ caught in a _____.

A ship without an _____ or rudder is tossed by the _____.

2) The Danger – Carried About by False Teaching (vs14b)

Words: discernment, false, rooted, sound, systematically, teaching, truth, verse

Paul now tells us what causes believers to be tossed about: false _____.

If elders are not teaching _____ doctrine, believers never learn what the Bible teaches.

They must walk _____ through Scripture, _____ by verse.

Paul warned that _____ teachers would come.

Counterfeit _____ will come. Believers need spiritual _____.

When we are _____ in true doctrine, we are not easily fooled.

3) The Source – Deceptive Men Empowered by Satan (vs14c)

Words: almost, cube, devil, dice, dishonesty, error, ineffective, Satan, stable, truth

'Trickery' comes from the word _____ and referred to loaded _____.

It became a picture of _____.

'Craftiness' is clever manipulation, making error look like _____.

'Scheming' is used later in Ephesians 6 of the _____.

False teachers rarely begin with obvious _____.

Error is most effective when it looks _____ like the truth.

Behind false teaching lies the planning of _____ working through sinful men.

A true believer cannot lose their salvation. Satan wants to make us _____.

Christ is building a church that is stable, discerning and anchored in the truth.