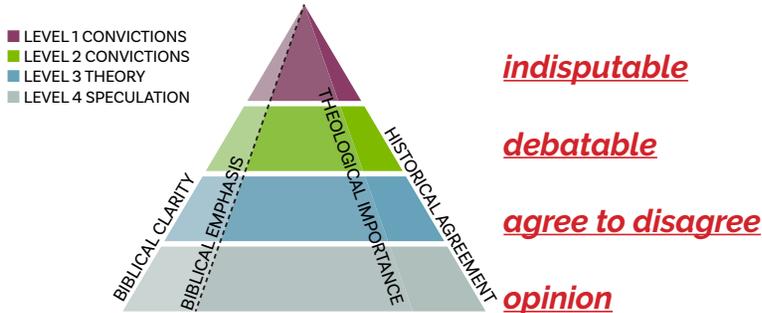


A Call to Diligence: Drawing Lines

Roger Ellis, Lead Pastor
2 Timothy 2:15, p. 833

The Pyramid



How do we draw doctrinal lines?

1. Is it **clearly presented** in the Word of God?
2. Is it presented **multiple times** in the Word of God?
3. Is it of **foundational** theological importance?
4. Is there **historical** agreement?

THE ONE THING: As we struggle with the Word of God together...

Be diligent. Be humble. Be gracious.

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NEXT STEPS

- Memorize 2 Timothy 2:15.
- Practice using the pyramid.
- Send me the article *Drawing Doctrinal Lines* by Michael P. Andrus.
- Send me Pastor Roger's "Cultural & Social & Theological Issues."
- Review Oakwood's Statement of Faith.

NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

KEEPING IT REAL

- 1 Has there ever been a time when you participated in or witnessed a heated debate over scripture or theology? Was the debate productive or destructive and why?

LOOK AT THE BOOK

- 2 How was the teaching in 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 lived out by the Jews in Acts 17:11 and what can we learn from this example?

- 3 Read 2 Timothy 2:2 and 1 Peter 3:15 and consider what benefits you gain from studying the scriptures.

TAKING IT FURTHER

- 4 Take time to consider what are the truly important doctrines of the faith that we must hold to and which ones are less significant. Use what you learn to improve your dialogs with fellow believers.

WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Great Things](#)

[Even So Come](#)

[Build My Life](#)

[Only a Holy God](#)

[We Believe](#)