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Clean Teaching



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The Greek word that is translated as *sound* in the phrase "sound teaching" is *hugiano* (υγιαινω), from which we get the English word *hygienic*. The implication in the apostle's letter is that there is something unhygienic and unhealthy in doctrines which are not derived from Scripture.

"How can a young man keep his way pure?" the Psalmist asks rhetorically. "By guarding it according to your word." Purity is evaluated by comparing it against what Scripture says. Therefore, the Scripture is a preventative medicine for tackling the issue of unhygienic doctrine.

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