

“WINDS OF DOCTRINE”

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"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."—Eph. 4:14.

This admonition to steadfastness in truth implies the existence of "every wind of doctrine." It also presupposes the " tossing to and fro" of many by these winds of doctrine. This scripture well-defines the multitude. People of this day are like the Athenians of Paul's time who "spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing."

There is little stability in things religious today. Shifting from doctrine to doctrine, being easily enamored by every teaching or teacher that comes along, is strong indication that one is not "rooted and grounded" in the truth. When truth becomes a part of our life, steadfastness is apparent. We are not easily moved. We prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.

In judging a doctrine or teaching we cannot be guided by the flowery words in which it is couched, or moved by the personality or the psychological effect it has on its adherents, but measure it according to the Word. "If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." - Isa. 8:20. The Bereans of old set us a good example in this respect. Acts 17:11. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating" may be true of food, but the proof of truth is in the Scriptures.