



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
Ashley River Baptist Church

THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE OF TRUTH

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3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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