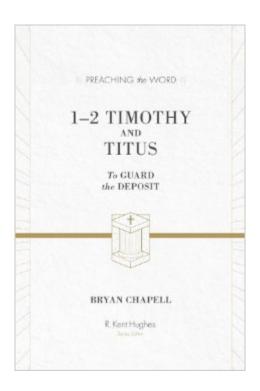
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First, this is not a scholarly work on the Pastorals. Normally I get frustrated with books like this, because the author assumes that you agree with his interpretation and winds up presenting his take

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