

1 Timothy 1.1-11

Law Grows Love

100's Young Men from Comfortable Homes & Peaceful Nations > Join ISIS

IMPROVE World by Violent Application of ISLAMIC SHARIA LAW!

Problem with SIMPLIFYING or SOFTENING RADICAL Gospel of JESUS

People want Challenge > Something BIG to give their LIVE For

Meaning to Life > More than Latest Technology, Highest Degree, Biggest House

Jesus' CALL: KINGDOM Service RADICAL: Loving, Liberating, Life-Giving

Wish ISIS Joiners knew Church is NOT Place for PANSIES & RETIREES

Spirit-filled, Gospel-preaching, Christ-honoring Church HOPE of the WORLD

About 2000 yrs ago Young Man named TIMOTHY Answered Call & Followed

Call from JESUS Extended by CHIEF Spokesman: Paul the APOSTLE

LETTER > Christ's Apostle's MARCHING ORDERS Tim Loyal Soldier..

## 1. Challenge of Leadership

### a. Fears

v. 3 *As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons...*

HEAVY WORDS with Tim's MORNING BOWL of CONGEE!...

HE is URGED to CHARGE People – word Military Command/Legal Summons

Then STAY Put while FAN Sprays POOP round Ephesus & Paul is LEAVING!

Bible People NOT SUPER Heroes! > ONLY Hero in Bible is JESUS CHRIST!

Tim very NORMAL Guy > Fears, Worries, Struggles like ALL of US!

Paul COMFORTS him: “for God gave us a spirit not of fear” 2 Timothy 1.7

MEDICATES him: No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments. 1 Timothy 5.23

(Some of you guys here have made that your FAVORITE Bible Verse!)

SMOOTHES Way for him: When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you...So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace....

1 Corinthians 16.10,11

b. Falsehood – Paul RINGS LOUD Alarm about GREAT Danger in Church

vs. 4,6 charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith....Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion

ALTERS Standard Polite Structure of 1<sup>st</sup> C Letter: Should be THANKSGIVING

Like letter to GALATIANS > Paul UPSET gets right to URGENT PROBLEM

Like Galatians > Same URGENT Problem, Threat to Greatest Jewel: GOSPEL!

Paul warned THESE church Leaders: “I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them”

Acts 20.29,30

Paul’s PROPHECY FULFILLED: Some Leaders Ephes church False Teachers

NOT Know EXACT Falsehood Burning WILDLY in Ephesian church

NT Letters // One Side of Phone Call > Make EDUCATED Guess Other Side

Some SALIENT Bits of Phone Call help us PIECE Together the PROBLEM...

Quarrels about Words – Controversies – Divisions....

If anyone teaches a different doctrine...he is... among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth . 1 Timothy 6.3-5

Wow! TALK like that People MIGHT DROP that CALLER!

There is More... FALSE Claim to KNOWLEDGE -

Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. 1 Timothy 6.20,21

Some Teachers PROHIBIT God’s Gifts of Marriage / Foods

...deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created 1 Timothy 4.1-3

Maybe the TOPPER > The Resurrection has ALREADY Passed!!

avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene...who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. 2 Timothy 2.16-18

2 Timothy > Tim still FAITHFULLY On-Duty / Paul on DEATH ROW

One Fault OLD Man Paul did NOT Have > Spinless, Mellow, Compromiser

Many OLD People – Sentimental – Overly Tolerant of Evils and Wrongs

“irreverent babble” – “more and more ungodliness” – “spread like gangrene”

OLD Apostle Paul DIED with his BOOTS ON!

SPECIFIC Falsehoods in our Text: **“myths and endless genealogies”**

vs. 3,4 charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship...

2 Verses contain 3 Doublets:

(1) 2 Infinitives on What NOT to DO: “to teach,” “to devote themselves”

(2) 2 Nouns describing what was Absorbing Attention: “myths,” “genealogies”

(3) 2 Nouns Contrast Results of Such Activity: “speculations,” “stewardship”

EXAMPLE of Genealogies – Book of Jubilees, 1<sup>st</sup> C BC

Pharisaic perspective of OT > CREATION to Giving of LAW at Mt. SINAI

Divides story into JUBILEES – 49 year Periods – ADDS Dates / Framework

Provides NAMES of ALL Adam & Eve's Children / Noah's Predecessors

And NAMES Each of 70 People who went down to EGYPT with JACOB

Make the Jewish History – MORE GLORIOUS, people More PROUD

EXAMPLE of Myths Early Collection of Stories about Jesus:

In the month Adar Jesus gathered together the boys, and ranked them as though he had been a king. For they spread their garments on the ground for him to sit on; and having made a crown of flowers, put it upon his head, and stood on his right and left as the guards of a king. And if any one happened to pass by, they took him by force, and said, Come hither, and worship the king, that you may have a prosperous journey. The Infancy Gospels 18:1–3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century

We LOVE the Lord, Want to KNOW the Lord: Wrong to KNOW Even More?

BIBLE LIMITED Information – Even Gospel of John says MUCH MORE!

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. John 21.25

What ABOUT Christian Books, Movies, Modern Apostles, Interpret Dreams

Be VERY CAREFUL – If ADD to Bible or ALTER Bible GREAT SIN!

Not saying NO MOVIES, NO FICTION, NO IMAGINATION for us or kids

Read – Listen – Watch – Enjoy: Biblical RADAR ON! Truth Gauge Working

There is NO OTHER God who SAVES but God revealed in SCRIPTURE

Reason Apostle John admits OBVIOUS, Do not WORRY, Bible is Sufficient

Must DEFINE, DEFEND, and DECLARE that God and His Word ALONE!

May NOT be Presbyterian, I am NOT, but Hope we Agree with Wise Counsel...

The Supreme Judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.

c. Fakes – False Teachers NOT Wearing SIGN “*Ignore Me! I am HERETIC!*”

vs. 6,7 Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the *things about which they make confident assertions.*

“Wandered away” to be WIDE of the MARK / SHOOT Past the GOAL

Taught PREACHING Classes > Young Preacher WAY OFF Text, read vs. 7

People can be IMPRESSED by EFFECTIVE ORATORY, SMOOTH TALK!

Many prefer the “vain jangling” (vs. 6) of those who teach novelties rather than the pure Word of God that produces holiness in lives...Far too many songs not only teach no doctrine, but many even teach false doctrines. A singer has no more right to sing a lie than a teacher has to teach a lie. Warren Wiersbe

WATCH OUT! Not only for SMOOTH PREACHERS, but Smooth SINGERS!

AGAIN Picture is a bit GENERAL > But their Character is Further Described

If anyone teaches a different doctrine...He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction

1 Timothy 6.3-5

“imagining that godliness is a means of gain’

1 Timothy 6.5

Deceiving and Abusing Women

For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions

2 Timothy 3.5,6

2 Sins SHAME Ministers & Ministries: Financial Corruption & Sexual Failure

NOBLE Example – Visiting Preacher: Apostle Paul – LISTEN CAREFULLY!

Now these Jews (*in Berea*) were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Acts 17.11

TIMID TIMOTHY has HANDS FULL! Big PROBLEMS in Ephesian church

He’s Paul’s GO-TO Guy to Lead the REFORM Campaign of Important church

Ask MYSELF > Am I willing to FIGHT for the Truth? Glory of Jesus in church?  
 1<sup>st</sup> Read P.E. Identified TIM/TITUS / 40 yrs later Identify with PAUL We are  
 CALLED to Serve Christ & His Church – Wherever, Whatever!!

## 2. Correct Use of the Law

v. 8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully...KEY ISSUE!

a. Claim of Authority People we CALL False Teachers CLAIMED be RIGHT  
 Jewish Leaders that SAUL the PHARISEE Wandered Away from Mosaic Truth  
 We believe Christian Church is APOSTOLIC / NT Letters: Very Word of GOD  
 Apostle NOT by CHOICE or CONTRACT or CHURCH > COMMAND of God  
 vs. 1,2 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of  
 Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and  
 peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 TRIUNE God > Christ Jesus our HOPE & God our SAVIOR: Father, Son, Spirit  
 Grace, Mercy, & Peace > What we ALL WANT & NEED – ONLY from GOD!

Mercy – God does not treat us like we deserve  
 Grace – God does treat us like we do not deserve  
 Peace – God makes friends with His enemies

vs. 10, 11 sound doctrine, in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the  
 blessed God with which *I have been entrusted*

Apostle > Sent as an Official Representative, Bearing the Authority of SENDER

PERSONAL Letter, but NOT PRIVATE for the WHOLE CHURCH

Ephes church must listen to Timothy: he Alone, is Paul's Legitimate Son

Tim bears AFFECTION and AUTHORITY of Christ's Chosen Ambassador

Reject Tim > Reject Paul the Apostle and Jesus Christ and God the Father

Same TRUE for You if you SERVE Same Lord and SPEAK the Same Gospel

Paul CHARGES his SON to a BIG RESPONSIBILITY, LOVING DUTY...

v. 3 remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine

EPHESUS – PAGAN City Devoted to Sexual Instincts / DIANA – Patron Saint

GREATEST Challenge Tim would face in Ephesus is FALSE DOCTRINE

b. Creative Application - LAW is intrinsically good because it is given by God

vs. 8,9 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just

False Teachers > JEWS who were more Loyal to TRADITION than to JESUS

Opponents CLAIMED Law FORBID God's GIFTS like Marriage & Foods

LAW NOW has NT Meaning > Jesus has ECLIPSED Moses > NEW Covenant

The flesh (our old nature) loves religious legalism because rules and regulations enable a person to appear holy without really having to change his heart.

Warren Wiersbe

Christ has NOT ENDED the MORAL Commands of Law: Still RESPONSIBLE

14 Vices in vv 9–10 > Kinds of People who really NEEDED the LAW of God

1<sup>st</sup> 3 Couplets > Offenses against God > 10 Commandments – 1 thru 4

v. 9 the law is not laid down for the just but for the *lawless and disobedient*, for the *ungodly and sinners*, for the *unholy and profane*

Remaining Vices: Offenses agnst People, Correspond 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 Commandments

5 <sup>th</sup> Command	Honor your father and mother	v. 9 strike their fathers and mothers
6 <sup>th</sup> Command	You shall not murder	v. 9 murderers
7 <sup>th</sup> Command	You shall not commit adultery	v. 10 the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality
8 <sup>th</sup> Command	You shall not steal	v. 10 enslavers
9 <sup>th</sup> Command	You shall not bear false witness	v. 10 liars, perjurers

Paul Rounds off List vs. 10,11 “and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine”

Right Messengers with a Right Message employing Right Method

c. Christian’s Acceptance LAW > CONDEMNS // GOSPEL > JUSTIFIES

v. 8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully...

KNIVES are GOOD if you Know how to PROPERLY USE a KNIFE!

v. 11 in accordance with the gospel...

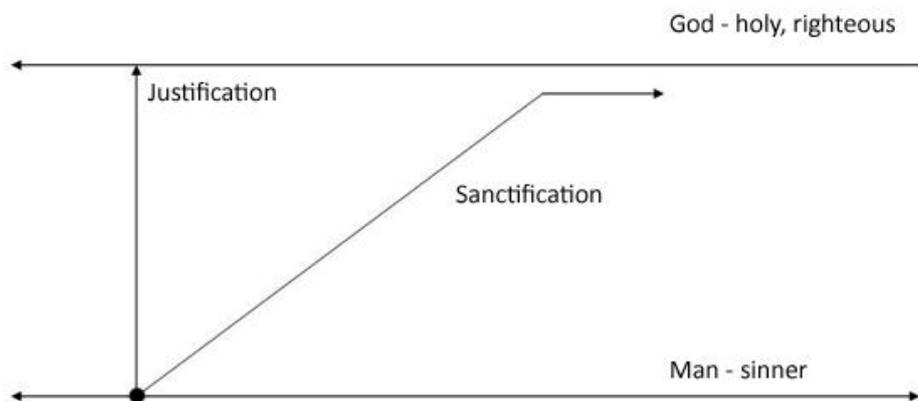
The first reference to false teaching leads Paul to speak of the norm by which it could be combated. That norm was the gospel with which he had been entrusted

J. Gresham Machen

So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24

Justification	Sanctification
I am Saved!	I am being Saved!
Something to Believe	Something to Do
Objective Fact	Subjective Feelings
Released from Sin’s Penalty	Being Released from Sin’s Power
Change in my Legal Status	Change in my Lifestyle
A Possession	A Progression
What God does for me	What God does in me
Imputed Righteousness	Imparted Righteousness
Put in His Church	Protection for your church
Enlisted into Service	Endure until you see Him
Christ dying for my sins on the cross	Christ at work in me by the Holy Spirit



1. Sinful man separated from a holy, righteous God.
2. Justification declares sinful man positionally righteous before God.
3. Sanctification is an ongoing process of growing in holiness.

False Teachers, CULTS > BLUR line btwn Justification and Sanctification

NOT SURE – NEVER SECURE with God > Need to KEEP STRIVING!

Need their church / leader / system to Provide RIGHT Teaching PATH to Life!

Salvation by grace thru Faith Alone > Believe anything else you Miss Salvation

Jesus + \_\_\_\_\_ = SALVATION? or Jesus = SALVATION?

### 3. Centrality of Love

v. 5 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

What are WE AIMING for by our ZEALOUS Concern for TRUTH?

Gonna WIN World Cup > Better know GOAL > KICK the FOOTBALL in Goal!

LOVE: People who live SELF-GIVING Lives for GOD and OTHERS, AGAPE

False Teachers missed True DESTINATION / Final Goal is LOVE

Practical TESTS of Any Church Teaching

1. Test of Faith – Is it from God's Word or man's ideas?
2. Test of Love – Does it promote Unity of the Body?
3. Result – Does it promote Glory of God & Good of Church?

Truth is SOIL in which LOVE Grows in CHURCH

LAW like GUARDRAILS on Highway to HOLINESS

True Love springs from Pure Heart, Good Conscience, & Genuine Faith

a. Pure Heart DESIRES: Battleground of Christian Life – What do you LOVE?

“heart” in Bible > Center of Person, TRUE SELF before God

Jesus: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” Matthew 5.8

We CANNOT Change HEARTS – Only JESUS Can – by WORD & SPIRIT

God took EZEKIEL to Valley of Full of DRY BONES

And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD... So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Ezekiel 37.3,4,10

b. Good Conscience

21 X’s Paul talks about CONSCIENCE > 6 of them in Pastoral Letters

Conscience: Moral Sensitivity > Internal Thermostat of RIGHT & WRONG

the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them Romans 2:15

“...liars whose consciences are seared” 1 Timothy 4.2 - Thermostat FRIED!

Just BECAUSE you FEEL NO GUILT – NOT Mean you are NOT WRONG

Many CARS have Broken WARNING LIGHTS > YOU Might TOO!

Many SEEK Relief from ACCUSING CONSCIENCE is Approval of MAN

Change LAWS, CHURCHES, Boy Scouts, World = PEACE for SINFULNESS

Jesus: Change your HEART, FORGIVENESS & FILLING of Spirit = Peace

### c. Sincere Faith - Genuine Trust and Confidence in God

...your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 2 Timothy 1:5

Always ready to Listen to Truth / Constant Desire to do Right

In 3 Pastoral Letters (1 & 2 Tim / Titus) word LOVE is paired with FAITH

...set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith... 1 Timothy 4.12

the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus 1 Timothy 1.14

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 1:13

Truth Grows Love / Love Shows Truth

FALSE TEACHING > Obstructs FAITH and LOVE

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:14

DE-EMPHASIZING Truth and Doctrine will make Church LESS LOVING

v. 11 “SOUND” Doctrine: 8 X’s P.E. HEALTHY, STRONG, LIFE-GIVING

Counter-Intuitive: Love Grows Vague, Murky, Unclear, Mushy Sentiment??

WORLD > TRUTH esp on MORAL Issues/Standards is NOT LOVING

ONLY SOIL that is SURE to GROW TRUE LOVE – WORD of God of LOVE

Unique Person > PURE HEART, GOOD CONSCIENCE, SINCERE FAITH!

EYES are OFF of ThemSELVES > FOCUS on GOD and OTHERS

THAT PERSON is Set Free from SELF to LOVE GOD and OTHERS

Sinful World is PREOCCUPIED with SELF

The best way to help yourself is to help someone else.

For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3.13

GOAL is NOT Truthless Love or Loveless Truth: Love guided by Truth

Jesus: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" John 14.15

The whole point of what we're urging is simply love - love uncontaminated by self-interest and counterfeit faith, a life open to God. 1 Timothy 1.5 The Message

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1 Timothy 1:<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, <sup>4</sup>nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. <sup>5</sup>The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. <sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.