

1 TIIMOTHY
Part One: Chapter 1
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1 TIMOTHY 4:16 *Watch your **life** and **doctrine** closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will **save** both yourself and your hearers.*

SERIES THESIS: We teach **WHAT** we know but reproduce **WHO** we are.

- If we teach truth but don't model it, we won't have **credibility**.
- If we model truth but don't teach it, others won't have **understanding**.

Leadership is a **DESTINATION** of discipleship.

1 TIMOTHY 1:3-5, 18-20 *As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith...Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.*

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If our doctrine isn't rooted in **LOVE**, and if it dilutes our **UNITY** with Jesus and each other, it's not **TRUE**.

FALSE TEACHING IN EPHEBUS

- It wasn't based on truth.
- It wasn't rooted in love.
- It resulted in division and disputes and destroyed faith.

MODERN FALSE TEACHING:

- Power
- Segregation
- Fundamentalism

1 TIMOTHY 1:7-11 *They want to be teachers of the law, but **they do not know what they are talking about** or what they so confidently affirm. We know that **the law is good if one uses it properly**. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.*

It's our responsibility to know the difference between **USE** and **ABUSE** of Scripture.

The fundamental principle that the law is for the lawless applies to every kind of law. For example, the reason we need speed limits is that there are so many reckless drivers on the roads. The reason we need boundaries and fences is that it is the only way to prevent unlawful trespass. And the reason we need civil rights and race relations legislation is in order to protect citizens from insult, discrimination, and exploitation. If everybody could be trusted to respect everybody else's rights, laws to safeguard them would not be necessary. –John Stott

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17 *I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom **I am the worst**. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the **worst of sinners**, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as **an example for those who would believe in him** and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

GOSPEL FLUENCY

- Identify the **CONTENT** of the gospel.
- Understand the **IMPLICATIONS** of the gospel.
- Apply the **MOTIVATIONS** of the gospel.

Let's **DO** as Jesus did and **LOVE** all others the way he loved us.

I'll never be more disappointed in you than I am in me.

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