

OUR GRAND ENTRUSTMENT, THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL – 1 TIMOTHY 1:5-11

Timothy was not in Ephesus simply because Paul sent him there but because God did. It was the Lord Jesus Christ that entrusted him to pastor in that important city. It was there he was given a special stewardship to not only be _____ but to teach the members to do the same. However, in his church there were wolves claiming to be ministers trying to make a name for themselves; whose deeds do not build up but rather tear down, fostering arguments and divisions instead of growth and maturity. This needed to be corrected as it was in contrast to God's plans for people to love one another through _____ doctrine and proper behavior.

1. Two types of ministers – 1 Timothy 1:5-7

a. Straight and narrow – Mk. 12:30-31; 1 Jo. 3:22-23

- Charity – 1 Ti. 2:15; 4:12; 2 Ti. 2:22; 3:10; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; 14:1; 16:4; Col. 3:14; 1 Peter 4:8
 - A pure _____ – Ps. 24:3-4; Mt. 5:8; 2 Ti. 2:22; 1 Peter 1:22
 - A good conscience – verse 19; Acts 23:1; Heb. 13:18; 1 Peter 3:16, 21
 - Faith unfeigned – 2 Cor. 6:6; 2 Ti. 1:5; 1 Peter 1:22
- A sincere love for God and people; and a genuine faith in truth

b. Crooked and wrecked

- Swerved – to wander from the prescribed line; to depart from what is true, to deviate
 - Turned aside – to turn your focus away from something so that you are no longer looking at it; to change your position from what it once was; to willingly follow a path that is not correct
 - _____ jangling – vain—empty, worthless, having no substance, value, or importance... jangling—an annoying sound; loud and noisy but with no rhythm or sense; quarrelsome, disputing clear truth
- Promoting self through false doctrines with nauseating speech and behavior. They wrest the truth to their own destruction

2. The ultimate purposes of the law – 1 Timothy 1:8-11

a. The law is good – verse 8

- The basic rule of _____ in a society is to maintain order, peace and safety

- The “Law” is referred to in scripture as:

The Law of Moses – The first five books of the Bible

The whole body of _____ found in the OT and NT

The laws, statutes, commandments, judgments, precepts, ordinances, testimonies, and oracles of God found throughout scripture

The ten commandments:

- 1) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...
- 3) Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain...
- 4) Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...
- 5) Honor thy father and thy mother...
- 6) Thou shalt not kill.
- 7) Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8) Thou shalt not steal.
- 9) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- 10) Thou shalt not covet...

- There is a right and a wrong way to use the law – *see verses 5-7*

Right – with charity, out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned ... to make *God* look good

Wrong – for personal power and _____ ... to make *self* look good

b. Not for the righteous – verse 9a

- Every born-again believer is living under the _____ of God – Gal. 2:6, 16

The righteousness of the law is fulfilled *in* the believer, not *by* the believer – Ro. 8:1-4

c. To point the way for lost sinners – verses 9b-11; Gal. 3:24

- Lawless and disobedient – living outside of the law of God and willfully violating it
- Ungodly and sinners – conduct in opposition to God, generally immoral in thought and deed
- Unholy and profane – totally opposed to God, mocking the Bible and Christ
- Murderers of fathers – murdering heads of the home, leaving children fatherless, women widows
- Murderers of mothers – murdering the heart of the home, creating sorrow for generations
- Manslayers – killers of anyone for any reason by premeditation or without forethought
- Whoremongers – prostitution; includes pornography and lewdness, fornication and adultery
- Them that defile themselves with mankind – homosexuals, lesbians, perversions violating nature
- Menstealers – kidnapping for extortion, slavery by kidnapping for indenturing
- Liars – anyone bearing false witness; modern news medias, politicians and government officials
- Perjured persons – bearing false witness under oath or *swearing* something is true when false
- Any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine – all forms of false teaching and *behavior*

→ The glorious gospel of the blessed God – 1 Cor. 15:3-4

It is committed to our trust – 1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Ti. 6:20