

1 Timothy 1:3–11 (New International Readers Version)

³Stay there in Ephesus. That is what I told you to do when I went into Macedonia. I want you to command certain people not to teach things that aren't true. ⁴Command them not to spend their time on stories that aren't completely true. They must not waste time on family histories that never end. Things like that cause people to argue instead of doing God's work. His work is done by faith.

⁵Love is the purpose of my command. Love comes from a pure heart. It comes from a good sense of what is right and wrong. It comes from faith that is honest and true.

⁶Some have wandered away from those teachings. They would rather talk about things that have no meaning. ⁷They want to be teachers of the law. And they are very sure about that law. But they don't know what they are talking about.

⁸We know that the law is good if it is used properly. ⁹We also know that the law isn't made for godly people. It is made for those who break the law. It is for those who refuse to obey. It is for ungodly and sinful people. It is for those who aren't holy and who don't believe. It is for those who kill their fathers or mothers. It is for murderers.

¹⁰It is for those who commit adultery. It is for those who have a twisted view of sex. It is for people who buy and sell slaves. It is for liars. It is for those who give witness to things that aren't true. And it is for anything else that is the opposite of true teaching.

¹¹True teaching agrees with the glorious good news of the blessed God. He trusted me with that good news.

Studies in First Timothy

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Questions for Small Groups, Families, and Friends

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

Discussion Question:

Why is it that the beliefs and conduct of many Christians is not noticeably different than non-Christians?

Discovery Questions:

Read the following verses from the Bible and summarize how each provides an answer to this question: How has God given us His word?

Hebrews 1:1

2 Timothy 3:16

2 Peter 1:20-21

What are some of the God-intended benefits received from putting God's word into practice?

- Deuteronomy 8:1-3 (Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4)

- Psalm 19:7-11

- Psalm 119:11

- Psalm 119:105

- James 1:21-24

- Luke 6:46-49

- Romans 10:13-17

- 2 Timothy 3:14-17

What is one truth taught in this lesson that you need to believe?

What is one command God would have you obey?

What one promise in these readings would you claim?