

1 Timothy

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1 Timothy 1:1-11

Intro:

Paul, writing to Timothy in Ephesus. (2 Tim. 3:16)

Paul - An apostle of Jesus Christ.

- Commanded by God

- Encouraging (Romans 8.1-4)

Timothy - Follower of Jesus

- Leader/teacher (v 3)

- Jewish mother, Greek father (Acts 16:1)

- Well spoken of (Acts 16:2)

Ephesus - Strategic

- Busy and affluent economic hub

- Temple of Artemis

- Paul spent the most time here

1 Timothy 3:15 - theme

Disciple - Luke 9:23

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I. Stay at the task (v 3)

Guard the gospel (Acts 20:29-30)

II. Communicate the truth (vv 3-4, 6-7)

Straying from the gospel

A. Strange doctrines

1. Contradictory to the apostles teaching (then)
2. The Bible (now)

B. Myths and genealogies

C. Speculation

III. Concentrate on the goal (v 5)

Love (1:19; 3:9; 4:2)

1. Pure heart
2. Good conscience
3. Sincere faith

IV. The standard (vv 8-11)

A. The law (God's moral law)

1. Good
 - a. If used correctly
 - b. Points out God's character

c. True to the gospel

2. Points out sin (Romans 2:14-15)

3. Lacking (Daniel 5:27)

a. Redemption

b. Reflects our need for a savior

B. The gospel

1. Sound teaching

2. Laws relationship to

Application:

1. Our hope is in Christ
2. Follow sound doctrine
3. Love
4. Stand on the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

Postmodernism - rejects objective truth or at the least doubts our ability to know anything for certain.

It is imperative that we obey God's Word and conform to His will, for saving faith always produces spiritual fruit. But true, God-honoring obedience is always rendered in the context of a loving relationship made possible by the gospel.¹

¹Christ-Centered Exposition commentary, 2013, David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, Tony Marida, B & H Publishing