

FIGHT FOR  
GODLINESS

A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY



## 1 TIMOTHY 1:1-3 NIV

**Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus** by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, <sup>2</sup> **To Timothy** my true son 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 went into Macedonia, stay there in **Ephesus** so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer...



# Who Should We Trust?

1 TIMOTHY 1:1-11



**ACTS 20:17;28-31a NIV**

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.

<sup>28</sup> “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. <sup>30</sup> **Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.** <sup>31</sup> So be on your guard!”



**1 TIMOTHY 1:3 NIV**

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...**



## 1 TIMOTHY 1:3-4 NIV

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 <sup>4</sup> or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith.

## Who Can We Trust?

**FOCUS:** primary vs. secondary

**CONTENT:** Gospel vs. speculation/Law



## 1 TIMOTHY 1:8-11a NIV

We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. <sup>9</sup>  
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, <sup>10</sup> 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 <sup>11</sup> that conforms to the gospel...



## 1 TIMOTHY 1:5-7 NIV

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

<sup>6</sup> Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk.

<sup>7</sup> They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

## Who Can We Trust?

**FOCUS:** primary vs. secondary

**CONTENT:** Gospel vs. speculation/Law

**MOTIVE:** others-focused vs. self-focused



## 1 TIMOTHY 1:4b, 10b-11 NIV

Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. ...<sup>10</sup> and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine <sup>11</sup> that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

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**RESULT:** advances Kingdom vs. creates controversy



	<b>RIGHT VOICES</b>	<b>WRONG VOICES</b>
<b>Focus</b>	Jesus & our hope in the Gospel	Side issues & away from the Gospel
<b>Content</b>	<i>“Healthy teaching”</i> ; faith in the glorious gospel	<i>“Empty talk”</i> ; speculation, opinions, fruitless topics
<b>Motive</b>	Others-focused; goal is love that builds up	Self-focused; shows off knowledge & expertise
<b>Result</b>	Advances God’s work & glorifies Him	Strays from healthy teaching & creates controversy



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**Who Should Our City Trust?**



## **1 TIMOTHY 1:1-2 NIV**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of **God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,** <sup>2</sup> To Timothy my true son in the faith: **Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## **1 TIMOTHY 1:10b-11 NIV**

...to the **sound doctrine [healthy teaching]** <sup>11</sup> that conforms to **the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God,** which he entrusted to me.



## **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.



## **Nicene Creed (continued)**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.



## **Nicene Creed (continued)**

Through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.



## **Nicene Creed (continued)**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.



## **Nicene Creed (continued)**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.