

Series: Striving Together to Finish the Course

FAITH UNFEIGNED

1TIMOTHY 1

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Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

Introduction:

In Paul's first letter to his son in the ministry Timothy he sets out to give him instructions concerning the church at Ephesus regarding sound doctrine, prayer and order in the home, qualifications of pastors and deacons, the walk and work of a Christian.

We like Paul should be bringing someone along in their Christian life and walk. Many new Christians get overwhelmed and become discouraged and some even quit doing the things that should be done by every Christian.

It is important that we teach and train people so that the church will maintain functioning the way that Christ established it.

Notice:

1. THE WARNING OF PAUL (1:3-11)

1 Tim. 1:3-11

As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, [4] Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. [5] Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: [6] From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; [7] Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. [8] But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; [9] Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, [10] For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; [11] According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

A. The perverting of the law

1. The perverters (3a)

2. The perversion (3b-7)

Many had added a mixture of myths, fables, and endless genealogies to the law.

B. The purpose of the law

1. It was not to control saved people. (vs 8)

Christians should not have to have a law to do right, they should do right because they are saved.

2. It was made to control unsaved people (vs 8-11)

Many today have perverted the sound things of scripture. Some have added to it while others have ideas that the Bible is outdated and have taken things away from it.

We must be concerned with sound doctrine and not swerve unto vain janglings.

2. THE WITNESS BY PAUL (1:12-17)

1 Tim. 1:12-17

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; [13] Who was before a blasphemer, and a

persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. [14] And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. [15] This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. [16] Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. [17] Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A. What God did. (vs 12, 14-15)

1. Saved him (14-15)

2. Selected him (12)

B. When God did it (vs 13)

1. At a time when he was a vile sinner.

C. Why God did it (vs 16-17)

1. To demonstrate His amazing grace to even the worst sinner.

3. THE WISDOM OF PAUL (1:18-20)

1 Tim. 1:18-20

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; [19] Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: [20] Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

A. What Timothy was to do

- 1. Fight a war a good warfare and fight a good fight. (vs 18)**
- 2. Hold or keep faith (vs 19)**
- 3. Maintain a clear conscience (vs 19)**

B. What Hymenaeus and Alexander have done (vs 19c-20)

We see the seriousness of false teaching and false doctrine being spread as Paul delivered very harshly with them. Removing them from the safety and fellowship of the church, where Satan would have free access to their lives, so that they would learn not to blaspheme.

That is why it is so important that we remain faithful to the church for the safety it provides as well as the fellowship it offers.

Close:

May we too heed the words of warning and wisdom of Paul's advice to Timothy.