

# **Timothy's Assignment: Protect the Church (1 Timothy 1:3-11)**

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## **Introduction**

- <sup>12</sup>Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day (Ephesians 6:12-13).

## **1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Timothy's Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Sound Doctrine (vv. 3-4)**

<sup>3</sup>As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia,  
[You] remain on at Ephesus  
so that you may instruct certain men  
not to teach strange doctrines,  
<sup>4</sup>nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies,  
which give rise to mere speculation  
rather than furthering the administration of God  
which is by faith.

- Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme (1 Timothy 1:20).
- . . . the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15b).
- <sup>9</sup>But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. <sup>10</sup>Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, <sup>11</sup>knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned (Titus 3:9-11).
- <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

## **2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Timothy's Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Motives (vv. 5-7)**

<sup>5</sup>But the goal of our instruction is love  
from a pure heart  
and a good conscience  
and a sincere faith.  
<sup>6</sup>For some men,  
straying from these things,  
have turned aside to fruitless discussion,  
<sup>7</sup>wanting to be teachers of the Law,  
even though they do not understand  
either what they are saying  
or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

- <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them (Acts 20:29-30).
- <sup>1</sup> . . . there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. <sup>2</sup>Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; <sup>3</sup>and in their greed they will exploit you with false words . . . (2 Peter 2:1-3).

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Timothy's Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments Biblically (vv. 8-11)

<sup>8</sup>But we know that the Law is good,  
 if one uses it lawfully,  
<sup>9</sup>realizing the fact that  
 law is not made  
 for a righteous person,  
 but for those who are lawless and rebellious,  
 for the ungodly and sinners,  
 for the unholy and profane,  
 for those who [strike] their fathers or mothers,  
 for murderers  
<sup>10</sup>and immoral men and homosexuals  
 and kidnappers  
 and liars and perjurers,  
 and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,  
<sup>11</sup>according to the glorious gospel  
 of the blessed God,  
 with which I have been entrusted.

## Conclusion

### Review Questions

1. Do you recognize the false teachings of today? Discuss some of them. How can you better identify false teaching in the future?
2. Have any false teachings/philosophies crept into your home? What are they? What will you do to remove them?
3. Have any false teachers crept into your home? Who are they? What will you do to remove them?
4. How can you personally better support those who are charged to protect the local church from false teaching? How can you personally encourage the ongoing ministry of teaching sound doctrine?
5. Since the "law is not made for a righteous person," does it serve any purpose in a Christian's daily life? Do we still need to teach the law at church? How do we apply it correctly?
6. Pray for your leaders. Pray for Faith Bible Church. Pray that the solid pulpit ministry we currently enjoy remains for many years.