

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 2—1 Timothy 1:3-11—What Good is the Law Anyway?

1. Read 1 Timothy 1:3-11 along with 1 Timothy 4:12. Then read Acts 19:21-20:1 which is the account of what happened before Paul left Timothy at Ephesus. What do you think was going through Timothy's mind as he read these words from Paul in 1 Timothy, chapter 1?
2. Memorize 1 Timothy 1:5, 6.
3. (a) In these verses, Paul emphasizes the importance of avoiding fables and genealogies. What are the dangers of getting caught up in these things according to 1 Timothy 6:3-4; 6:20; 2 Timothy 2:14-19; Titus 1:10-16; Titus 3:9-11. (b) What should we be doing instead according to 1 Timothy 4:7; 6:20; 2 Timothy 2:14-19; 4:2-5; Titus 1:10-16; Titus 3:9-11; Hebrews 13:9 (c) How do you avoid novel ideas that well-meaning Christians try to convince you of? (d) What are some practical ways we can pursue sound teaching instead of these false ideas?
4. (a) Read 1 Timothy 1:8-11 along with Exodus 20:1-17. What similarities do you notice in these passages? (b) What do you think Paul meant when he said the law was not made for a righteous man in 1 Timothy 1:9?
5. (a) Paul calls the gospel "glorious" in 1 Timothy 1:11. What else is the gospel called in Matthew 4:23; Romans 1:9, 16; 2:16; 10:15; 15:16; 2 Corinthians 2:12; Galatians 1:6; Ephesians 6:15; 1 Thessalonians 2:2; Revelation 14:6? (b) How would you describe the gospel?
6. (a) Is it a loving thing to confront those who are caught up in fables and idle chatter? Why or why not? (b) Do you think pastors should publicly confront false teachers? Why or why not?
7. Do you know anyone who has been caught up in erroneous teaching? Will you lovingly confront them and show them the truth from God's word?
8. Are you shunning all forms of false teaching? Are you pursuing sound doctrine? Please write any need in the form of a prayer request