

SOUND WORDS IN THE CHURCH

Introduction: Paul wrote this letter from Macedonia to Timothy in Ephesus. He asked Timothy to stay in Ephesus to correct some serious problems in the church. The first problem that Paul mentioned in this letter was the false doctrine being taught that a person becomes righteous by keeping the Mosaic Law. This was contrary to the doctrine of righteousness by faith in Jesus Christ. These teachers had to be stopped.

Lesson Aim: Know the critical importance of having teachers speak sound doctrine in the church.

Memory Verse: "We know that the law is good, if a man uses it lawfully." (1 Timothy 1:8)

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

I. Salutation — 1:1-2

1. What did Paul call Timothy? 1:2

II. Serious Threat of False Doctrine — 1:3-11

2. Why did Paul ask Timothy to stay in Ephesus? 1:3
3. What do fables and endless genealogies produce? 1:4
4. What will be the end result of the commandment (i.e., charge) given to Timothy? 1:5
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. How were some teachers in the Ephesian church causing a problem? 1:7
6. When is the law used lawfully? 1:8-10 Circle the correct answer. (Read Rom 7:7-23)
To help a person live a righteous life To make a person see sin in his life
7. What was committed to Paul's trust? 1:11

III. Sincere Testimony of the Apostle Paul — 1:12-17

8. Why did Christ put Paul into the ministry? 1:12
9. How could Paul be a minister when he had been a blasphemer and a persecutor of believers? 1:13
10. What is the faithful saying that blessed Paul? 1:15
11. How was Paul a pattern to others? 1:16
12. What did God's mercy (v.16) cause Paul to do? 1:17

IV. Solemn Charge to Son Timothy — 1:18-20

13. What did Paul charge Timothy to do? 1:18-19
14. Why did Paul deliver Alexander and Hymenaeus to Satan? 1:20