

GUARDING THE GOSPEL: Right Doctrine (May 24th)

THE COMMUNITY

Memorize 1 Timothy 1:5 – *“The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.”*

1. In what way was Memorial Day a “holiday” for you this past week?
2. From your time at corporate worship – the people, music, sermon, serving in a ministry – what encouraged, moved, or excited you? What questions came up for you?

THE BIBLE (*Websites - biblegateway.com, blueletterbible.org, biblos.com, ccel.org*)

3. Read 1 Timothy 1:1-11 each day this week. Use the websites above to read it in different versions. What observations do you have? What words or phrases stand out to you?
4. What problems are plaguing the church in verses 3-7 (also see 4:1-3 and 6:3-5)? Understanding the issues here, what assignment is Timothy given?

THE APPLICATION

5. This past week, what was more important to you than love – the desire to win? To be right? To be in control? To look good? What else?
6. At this time, what seems to be lacking in your life – sound doctrine, clear conscience, pure heart, or sincere faith?
7. Where have you seen the affects of disunity in a group or organization? What can you do to protect against disunity?

SERMON NOTES

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1 Timothy 1:3-5

When I left for Macedonia, I urged you to stay there in Ephesus and stop those whose teaching is contrary to the truth. ⁴Don't let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations, which don't help people live a life of faith in God. ⁵The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. (NLT)

I. Importance of right _____.

- A. _____ of teaching correct doctrine.
- B. Outcome of _____ doctrine/teaching.
 - 1. _____.
 - 2. _____ people's faith.
- C. Outcome of _____ teaching/doctrine.

1 Timothy 1:5

The purpose of my instruction (Right Doctrine) is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. (NLT)

1 Timothy 3:6-11

But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions. ⁷They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they speak so confidently. ⁸We know that the law is good when used correctly. ⁹For the law was not intended for people who do what is right. It is for people who are lawless and rebellious, who are ungodly and sinful, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy, who kill their father or mother or commit other murders. ¹⁰The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching ¹¹that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God. (NLT)

II. A proper _____ of God's law.

A. The law mirrors the _____ of _____.

B. The law _____ to us our sin.

Romans 7:13

But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God's good commands for its own evil purposes. (NLT)

Romans 7:25

Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. (NLT)