

I Timothy: Lesson #54 -- The Goal of Our Instruction
Notes for Parents to Study with Their Children
For Wednesday, Nov. 19th

Read I Tim. 1:1-20 (a simplified explanation of the text is supplied at the end of these notes).

Memory Verse: I Tim. 1:8 “But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully.”

An Apostasy Would Happen Before the Lord Returned

- Some people

Simplified Explanation of the Text

The Day of the Lord Will Not Come Until the Apostasy

1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the command of God our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ our hope.

2 Unto Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3-4 When I journeyed on to Macedonia, continue on working in Ephesus to command certain ones to teach no other doctrine. Nor should they pay any attention to myths and endless genealogies which only lead to argumentative questions rather than godly teaching in faith that builds people up.

5 Now the goal we want to achieve in giving that command is love from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith.

6 But some have missed that goal because gone off into talk that is meaningless and has nothing to it.

7 They want to be teachers of the Law, they confidently and strongly claim that what they teach is true, but they don't even understand what they are teaching.

8 And we know that the Law is good, but it has to be used lawfully.

9 We understand this, that the Law was not laid down for righteous people, but for those who act as if there is no law and for those who don't subject themselves to God's law. Its for the people who have no reverence for God and for sinners. Its for those who don't strive to be holy and for those who have no respect for what is sacred. Its for the type of people who would murder their fathers and mothers, and for murderers in general.

10 The Law was laid down for people like the sexually immoral, for those who are sexually immoral with the same gender, for those who would steal men and enslave them, for liars, for people that testify to false things, and for anything that goes against healthy teaching.

11 The kind of healthy teaching that goes with the glorious gospel of the blessed God – the gospel I have been entrusted with.

12-13 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who strengthened me. He counted me faithful putting me into service even though I was a blasphemer, even though I persecuted

Christians, even though I did shameful things to others. But the Lord had mercy on me because I did it out of ignorance and in unbelief.

14 The grace the Lord showed was overflowing with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

15 Here is a faithful saying that is worthy of everyone excepting it: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and I'm the number one sinner.

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