#### 1 Timothy 1:1-11

# Introduction to 1 Timothy

"But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel." (Philippians 2:22)

"I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth." (1 Timothy 3:14–15)

"Everything in these letters is relevant for us today, and little that is needed to edify the church cannot be deduced from them." (John Calvin)

# Identity and Authority (1 Timothy 1:1–2)

"Let no one despise you for your youth." (1 Timothy 4:12)

"No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments." (1 Timothy 5:23)

# Counterfeit vs. Real Gospel (1 Timothy 1:3-11)

Two Contrasts:

- 1. Speculation vs. Love
- 2. Wrong Use vs. Right Use

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one." (Galatians 1:6–7)

"The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there." (L. P. Hartley)

"Irreverent, silly myths." (1 Timothy 4:7)

"And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:37–40)

"Whoever, then, thinks that he understands the Holy Scriptures, or any part of them, but puts such an interpretation upon them as does not tend to build up this twofold love of God and our neighbor, does not yet understand them as he ought." (Augustine)

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

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# **Discuss**

- What difference should it make to us that Paul was a divinely-appointed apostle?
- How can Christians guard themselves against speculation and misuse when reading the Bible?
- What role should the Old Testament play in your life as a follower of Jesus, and are you giving it the role that it should?
- Why should a church family make it a priority to guard right doctrine, and how does it go about doing it?

#### Read

Exodus 20:1–17; Acts 7:54–8:3; 9:1–31; 16:1–5; 18:24–19:41; 20:17–38

### Pray

- That our church family will rely on the authority of God and Jesus Christ for ministry.
- That our church family will guard the truth and protect against false teaching.
- That our reading of the Bible will result in love for God and love for neighbor.

### **Announcements**

- Realm (info@fsbcknobs.com for Help): Deadline for Photo Directory is February 28
- Officer Nominations: Due by January 31
- Meeting for Childcare Workers: February 13 at 12:30pm
- Giving Statements at the Connect Desk
- Vacation Bible School: Evenings of June 20–24 (Kindergarten–Fifth Grade)