

WHEN TRUTH GETS TWISTED

1 Timothy 1:6–11 | The Household of God

INTRODUCTION - Truth does not have to be completely rejected to become dangerous. Sometimes it only has to be twisted. Paul warns Timothy about men who wanted to teach God's Law, yet had strayed from the goal of God's truth and were mishandling what God had given.

BIG IDEA - When we stray from the goal of God's truth, we can misuse God's Word and lose sight of the glorious gospel.

1. THE D_____ — vv. 6–7

They _____ from the goal.

- The goal of instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith (1 Tim. 1:5).
- Truth is meant not merely to inform us, but to transform us (Rom. 12:2; John 17:17).
- Desire to teach does not demonstrate qualification to teach. Confidence is not competence (James 3:1; Acts 17:11).

2. THE D_____ — vv. 8–10

They _____ the Law.

- “The Law is good, if one uses it lawfully” (1 Tim. 1:8). God's Word must be used God's way.
- The Law exposes sin; it does not save the sinner (Rom. 3:20; 7:7).
- Sound doctrine cannot be separated from godly living. What we believe and how we live belong together.

3. THE D_____ — vv. 10–11

Sound teaching accords with the glorious _____.

- “Sound” teaching is healthy, wholesome teaching that produces godliness (1 Tim. 6:3–4; Titus 2:1).
- The Law identifies the sinner; the gospel introduces us to the Savior (1 Tim. 1:15).
- We do not own the truth, we have been entrusted with it. Our responsibility is to guard it and pass it on faithfully (1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:13–14).

KEY SCRIPTURES

1 Timothy 1:5 • 2 Timothy 2:15 • Romans 3:20 • Galatians 3:24 • 1 Timothy 1:15

TAKE IT HOME

- What is the truth I know actually producing in my heart?
- Am I using Scripture to submit myself to God, or mainly to correct everyone else?
- Am I faithfully guarding, living, and passing on the gospel God has entrusted to me?

“And whatever this world does with the truth, may it never become twisted in our hands.”