

**"If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?"**

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

**Though the fig tree does not bud  
and there is no fruit on the vines,  
though the olive crop fails  
and the fields produce no food,  
though the flocks disappear from the pen  
and there are no herds in the stalls,  
yet I will celebrate in the Lord;  
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!  
The Lord my Lord is my strength;  
he makes my feet like those of a deer  
and enables me to walk on mountain heights!**

**Habakuk 3:17-19**

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace—  
where hate rules, let me bring love;  
where malice, forgiveness;  
where disputes, reconciliation;  
where error, truth;  
where doubt, belief;  
where despair, hope;  
where darkness, thy light;  
where sorrow, joy!**

**O Master, let me strive more to comfort others  
than to be comforted —  
to understand others than to be understood;  
to love others, more than to be loved!  
For he who gives, receives;  
he who forgets himself, finds;  
he who forgives, receives forgiveness;  
and dying, we rise again to eternal life.  
Amen.**



# Holy Living *in the* Household *of* God

**FAITHFUL TEACHING** (1 Timothy 1:3-20, pg. 1051)

# **1) CONFORMS TO THE GOSPEL (3-11)**



**<sup>3</sup>As I urged you when I went to Macedonia, remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach false doctrine <sup>4</sup>or to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies. These promote empty speculations rather than God's plan, which operates by faith. <sup>5</sup>Now the goal of our instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Some have departed from these and turned aside to fruitless discussion.**

**If anyone teaches false doctrine and does not agree with the sound teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the teaching that promotes godliness**

**1 Timothy 6:3**

**For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**

**2 Peter 1:16**

**"Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible."**

**Karl Barth**

**"Even if I knew the world was going to end tomorrow, I would still plant an apple tree today."**

**Martin Luther**

**<sup>7</sup>They want to be teachers of the law, although they don't understand what they are saying or what they are insisting on. <sup>8</sup>But we know that the law is good, provided one uses it legitimately.**

**<sup>9</sup>We know that the law is not meant for a righteous person, but for the lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinful, for the unholy and irreverent, for those who kill their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>for the sexually immoral and males who have sex with males, for slave traders, liars, perjurers, and for whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching <sup>11</sup>that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which was entrusted to me.**

<b>1. You shall have no other gods</b>	<b>The lawless and rebellious</b>
<b>2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image</b>	<b>The ungodly and sinful</b>
<b>3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain</b>	<b>The unholy</b>
<b>4. Remember the sabbath day</b>	<b>Irreverent</b>
<b>5. Honor your father and mother</b>	<b>Those who kill their fathers and mothers</b>
<b>6. You shall not murder</b>	<b>Murderers</b>
<b>7. You shall not commit adultery</b>	<b>Sexually immoral, men bedders</b>
<b>8. You shall not steal</b>	<b>Slave traders</b>
<b>9. You shall not bear false witness</b>	<b>Liars, perjurers</b>
<b>10. You shall not covet</b>	<b>Whatever else is contrary to sound teaching</b>

**ἀρσεν – ο – κοίτης**

**man - bed-er**

**For from the heart come evil thoughts, murders,  
adulteries, sexual immoralities, thefts, false  
testimonies, slander.**

**Matthew 15:19**

**But avoid foolish debates, genealogies, quarrels, and disputes about the law, because they are unprofitable and worthless. Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning. For you know that such a person has gone astray and is sinning; he is self-condemned.**

**Titus 3:9-11**

**Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.**

**Titus 3:10 (NIV)**

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**2) TRANSFORMS  
SINNERS (12-17)**



**<sup>12</sup>I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry—<sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an arrogant man. But I received mercy because I acted out of ignorance in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

**What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it?**

**Romans 6:1-2**

**<sup>15</sup>This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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**3) FIGHTS THE GOOD  
FIGHT (18-20)**



**<sup>18</sup>Timothy, my son, I am giving you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies previously made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the good fight, <sup>19</sup>having faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and have shipwrecked the faith.**

**<sup>20</sup>Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.**

**Don't neglect the gift that is in you; it was given to you through prophecy, with the laying on of hands by the council of elders.**

**1 Timothy 4:14**

**Therefore, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands.**

**2 Timothy 1:6**

**Even though I am absent in the body, I am present in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who has been doing such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus, and I am with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, hand that one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.**

**1 Corinthians 5:3-5**

**The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother's is sure.**

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**



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