



“The Church That Guards the Gospel”
THE CHARGE TO CONFRONT FALSE TEACHERS
1 Timothy 1:3–11

Paul charges Timothy to confront false teaching in order to preserve gospel-centered love and uphold God’s glorious gospel.

I. THE APOSTOLIC CHARGE TO PROTECT SOUND DOCTRINE (3–4)

A. The Personal Commission - *“Remain on”*

B. The Doctrinal Concern - *“...not to teach any different doctrine...”*

C. The Dangerous Distractions - *“myths and endless genealogies”*

II. THE AIM OF THE COMMAND: GOSPEL-PRODUCED LOVE (v. 5)

A. Love from a Pure Heart - *“from a pure heart”*

B. Love from a Good Conscience - *“a good conscience”*

C. Love from a Sincere Faith - *“a sincere faith”*

III. THE TRAGIC DEVIATION OF FALSE TEACHERS (vv. 6–7)

A. Their Departure - They “*swerved.*”

B. Their Distraction - “*...vain discussion.*”

C. Their Delusion - “*Desiring to be teachers of the law*”

IV. THE PROPER USE OF THE LAW IN GOSPEL MINISTRY (vv. 8–11)

A. The Goodness of the Law (v. 8) – “*we know the law is good*”

B. The Purpose of the Law (vv. 9–10) – “*the law is for the lawless*”

C. The Harmony with the Gospel (v. 11) – “*with the gospel*”

APPLICATION

- 1. Guard the truth in your own heart.**
- 2. Guard the truth in your home.**
- 3. Guard the truth in the church.**

Paul entrusted Timothy with the gospel.
That same gospel has been entrusted to us.

- We do not improve it.
- We do not edit it.
- We do not modernize it.
- We guard it.

Because it is “*the gospel of the glory of the blessed God.*”

And when the gospel is guarded, the church is strengthened,
love is purified, and Christ is glorified.
