

I Timothy 1:1-5  
Loving Enough to Confront

Setting the Stage (1-2)

Paul: an apostle (messenger of Jesus Christ with authority)

Commanded – he was not given a choice

By God our Savior (Isaiah 43:10-11)

By Jesus our hope (Titus 2:13 / I Peter 1:3)

Timothy: a true son in the faith

Grace – Mercy – Peace

From God our Father

From Jesus our Messiah and Lord

Seeing and Addressing the Problem (3-4)

Fleeing is not the answer – stay put (confront the conflict) (Matthew 18:15 / Galatians 6:1)

Facing the source – command **certain** men (target the source)

False teaching must be stopped

Exposure versus saturation (I John 4:4-6)

Examining even good teachers (Acts 17:11)

Fables and genealogies (secrets to spirituality?) (Titus 3:9)

Friction – controversy – division (not the goal for our teaching – Ephesians 4:1-6)

Stating the Motivation (5)

Love is the goal

Love confronts evil (Romans 12:9 / James 5:19-20)

Love seeks the best even when it hurts (Hebrews 12:2)

Love's test of authenticity

A pure heart – no ulterior motives (II Corinthians 11:2)

A good conscience (I Peter 3:15-16)

A sincere faith – trusting God's leading and the truth & principles of His Word  
(Hebrews 11:13-16)

Discussion questions for I Timothy 1:1-5

What does a true son in the faith look like? How could they be identified? (Philippians 2:20-22)

Why are we reluctant to confront? What must we do before we confront someone else?  
(I Corinthians 5:1-8 / Matthew 7:1-5 / Galatians 6:1)

How can we recognize false teaching? (I John 4:1-6)

What evidence would you expect to see from:

Genuine love? (John 14:15, 23-24 / I John 3:16-18)

A pure heart? (II Corinthians 7:1; 11:1-3)

A sincere faith? (Hebrews 11:1-3, 6 / James 2:14-17 / Galatians 5:5-6)