

I Timothy 1:6-11
The Proper Use of the Law

Meaningless Talk – ***speaking as if with authority about something you do not understand yourself***

Promise without product (II Peter 2:19) – ***freedom is only found in Christ (John 8:31-32)***

Promoting self – ***a true spiritual leader points not to themselves, but to the source (Jesus)***

False teaching (Ignorant of God's Word) – ***putting our views into His word, rather than allowing His word to change our views***

Focus on accomplishments (Galatians 6:14) – ***only what He accomplishes matters***

Ignorant Talk – ***claiming to know more than or better than God (all we need is found in His word)***

Special knowledge (II Corinthians 11:2-6) – ***Jesus has revealed Himself, His Spirit, and the Gospel – there is no secret knowledge that leads us to God***

Seeking recognition – pointing people to themselves rather than to Jesus (Acts 20:30)
He must increase and I must decrease (John 3:30)

Proper Talk – ***speaking the truth according to His word (I Thessalonians 2:13)***

Good Law – when used properly (Romans 6:14; 7:4, 13)

We are not under law, but the law shows us our need of His grace

Gaining perspective – who is the Law for? (Galatians 3:19, 24)

The law is for sinners, to point them to Christ (impossible for us to obey without Him)

Growing the body – sound doctrine (healthy teaching) (Romans 10:17)

When the word is taught, faith increases. His word can sanctify us (John 17:17)

Glorious Talk

Gospel priority – our need of Jesus (I Corinthians 15:1-3)

The truth of the Gospel can save us and lead us through each day of our lives

Grace infused (Colossians 4:6)

“For it is by grace that you have been saved” (Ephesians 2:8)

God focused (Hebrews 3:1) – ***when our thoughts are focused on Him, so is our speech***

He is the blessed God (Psalm 103:1) – ***all my soul bless Him (Deuteronomy 6:5)***

He is the faithful God – entrusting us with His message (II Tim. 1:11-12/I Cor. 4:2)

Will we be faithful to that which He has entrusted to us?

Discussion questions for I Timothy 1:6-11

What are the signs of false teaching? (II Peter 2:18-19 / Jude 10 / II Corinthians 10:12-13, 18 / I John 2:19-21; 4:5-6 / Acts 20:29-30 / II Timothy 4:2-4)

Making false claims and promises. Speaking of these they do not understand.

Making statements concerning their own superiority – boasting about themselves.

Moving away from the clear teachings of Christ and who He is.

Adopting a world view in line with culture rather than God's word.

Attempting to get people to follow them.

Teaching what people want to hear, rather than the truth of God's word

How is the LAW to be properly used? (Romans 7:6-14 / Galatians 2:15-16; 3:19-25 / Matthew 5:17-20 / Hebrews 10:1) – ***First we must understand that God's Law is holy and good, it is the manner in which God's people are called to live. As such, it exposes my sinful heart and rebellious attitude against God. We are foolish if we believe that we can live in a manner that would justify our entrance into heaven. (all have sinned and fallen short – Rom. 3:23) The Law is used to expose our sinful hearts and drive us to the only solution – which is Christ our Savior, who took our sins and paid our debt on the cross. Jesus taught that the Law would not disappear, but rather that our righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees. We receive the righteousness of Christ imputed to us (II Corinthians 5:21) and we can only live righteously before God by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.***

What things should fill our speech? (Mark 16:15 / Colossians 4:6 / Psalm 19:14 / Ephesians 4:15 / Psalm 145:1-6 / Psalm 100:4 / Galatians 6:14 / I Corinthians 1:30-31) – ***We are to share the gospel with every creature. While we are called to speak truth, we must do it in love, seasoned with salt and filled with grace. The words that come from my mouth ought to be pleasing to God, having meditated in my heart on His goodness and glory. I should speak of His glory and the mighty works He has done. And my heart and my mouth should always be filled with gratitude for what God has done, never boasting about myself.***

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