

1 TIMOTHY 1:2-11

To Timothy my true son in the faith:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer 4 or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. 5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 6 Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. 7 They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

8 We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. 9 We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, 10 for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine 11 that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

1 TIMOTHY 1:5

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REFLECTIONS

- How does false teaching promote speculation? What are some examples of false teaching that lead to mere speculation?
- Why is doctrinal speculation in opposition to faithful stewardship for God's work?
- What is the aim of confronting doctrinal error? How do you evaluate whether or not you are achieving the goal?
- What are the three good uses of the law?
- How is godliness in accordance with the gospel? Why do you think it's important to understand this?