

## **STUDY 1 - Timothy and the True Gospel (1 Tim 1:1-11)**

### **Quickly skim 1 Timothy.**

Take careful note of the following verses: 1:1-3, 1:18-19, 3:14-4:1, 4:6, 4:11-16, 5:21-23, 6:10-14, 6:20-21.

1. What was the relationship between Paul and Timothy?
2. What threats was Timothy facing?
3. Why was Paul writing to him (see esp. 3:14-15)?

### **Read 1 Timothy 1:1-7.**

4. List the wrong practices of the “certain persons” in verses 1-7.
5. From the passage, why are these practices considered wrong? (See also 2 Timothy 2:14 and Titus 3:9.) What is the right way to do God’s work?
6. What is Timothy to do about this situation, and what is his aim in doing so?

### **Read 1 Timothy 1:8-11**

7. What is the right or lawful way to use the law? What is it's wrong (or unlawful) use?
8. God has entrusted Paul with the “gospel of the glory of the blessed God” (v. 11). What is at the heart of this gospel? What is it about?

### **Implications:**

- In what ways have false teachers in our own day wandered from the truth? Can you think of current examples of fruitless controversies?
- What dangers can you think of in applying Paul’s command to silence false teachers? How might 1 Timothy 1:5 help?
- “The law drives us to the gospel, but only the gospel gets us home.” What “lawful” roles can the law (i.e. Old Testament rules and regulations) still serve in the life of Christians and the church. How can we make sure it never gets in the way of the gospel?

### **Give thanks and pray**

*Ask God to give you the discernment to see false teaching for what it is, and the courage to stand up for the truth and hold to the true gospel*  
*Pray for this weeks' BCA visit with David and Julie Roger's Smith – for good fruit and fellowship at men's, women's and youth events, as well as all regular weekly services*