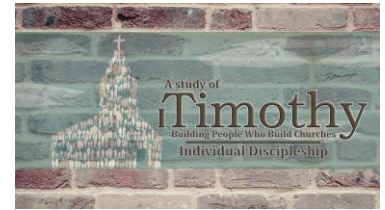




Building People Who Build Churches "Individual Discipleship" Our Relationship with the Law 1 Timothy 1:5-11 December 5, 2021



Purpose: *Reveal the proper use of the glorious Gospel redeem people from sin.*

Sermon Introduction: Welcome to HBF, please be turning in your bibles to 1 Timothy.

What motivates someone who has everything to give anything? This morning we are going to consider that very thing as we look into **1 Timothy 1:5-11**

Training In Ministry involves Training Influential Ministers.

Our Relationship to the Lord (Salvation through Jesus Christ)
Our Relationship to the Law (Motivation to receive Jesus Christ)
Our Relationship to the Lost (Illumination to share Jesus Christ)

Read 1 Timothy 1:5-11 (Pray)

Our Relationship with the Lord

Provides Authority: Thesis 1: One is not fit to be in authority unless they are under authority.
Produces Authenticity: Thesis 2: Unfeigned faith produces undeniable fruit.
Protects us from the Adversary: Thesis 3: Biblical fellowship keeps us from being shipwrecked.

Our Relationship with the Law

Is to be Loving
Is to be Lawful
Is to be Liberating

I. Our Relationship With the Law Is To Be Loving 1 Timothy 1:5

Thesis: Our Relationship with the law should be loving because the law is fulfilled in Christ.

A. The end of the commandment is Charity

1. Where did the commandment begin? It started with one commandment in the garden with Adam. "Don't eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Genesis 2:17 and it ends with one great commandment. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, soul and mind." **Matthew 22:37.**

2. Adam broke the only commandment he had and Jesus fulfilled them all and gave us one great command.

B. Notice the location of this discussion.

1. **1 Timothy 1:5.** The fifth verse. The number five always represents the law & death.
 - a. The first five books of the scripture contain the law. (Gen, Ex, Lev, Num, Deut.)
 - b. The first man Adam, who could not keep one command, is found dead in **Genesis 5:5**, just shy of 1000 years old.

Genesis 5:5 *And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.*

- 1) Adam died spiritually the day he ate of the tree.
- 2) Adam died physically within one millennial day.

- 3) Jesus, the last Adam died physically in one literal day redeeming us from the curse of the law through his love.
 - 4) Jesus, the last Adam will return physically and restore his Kingdom and start his eternal reign with an inaugural 1000 year reign called the millennium.
- C. Jesus fulfilled the **law** because he loved the Father and the Father loved the world.
1. **Leviticus 19:18 (turn)**, Jesus used the law to manifest love to the world.
As he hung upon the cross he chose to apply mercy instead of justice.
Luke 23:34 *Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*
 2. **Incidentally Leviticus 19:19** It's no coincidence that the spotless Lamb who cleanses us in his blood and is clothed in light is has roman soldiers parting his raiment. The only hope for the gentile powers of this world is through the Jewish Savior. The sooner they learn that, the better.
 3. Jesus chose two simple commands to fulfill the law.
Deuteronomy 6:5 *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*
Leviticus 19:18 *Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.*
 4. Jesus taught the leadership of Israel the end of the law was charity.
 - a. **Matthew 22:34-40**; After putting the Sadducees to silence by using the law to combat their ignorance, he is then tempted by a lawyer and Jesus lays down what we call the "Great Commandment" which he would soon fulfill in their sight.
 - b. **Luke 10:25-27; 37** Jesus teaches a lawyer who wants to find a loophole to eternal life that it must come from a **pure heart**. "Go and do thou likewise" He teaches the lawyer that when he can love like a half-breed Samaritan he will be able to inherit eternal life. The man didn't want eternal life, he just wanted to justify himself.
 - 1) **Jesus is lover: Luke 10:27** A lover wants to rest in God's character
 - 2) **The lawyer is a legislator: Luke 10:28** A legislator wants to rest or rely upon his own character. He would rather justify himself with questions than cleanse himself with obedient faith.
 5. **Jesus is the personification of love.** What the lawyer could not do, Jesus did do and now our faith is not in the commandment but in the Lord Jesus Christ.
(Paul Preaching in Antioch in Pisidia not Syria) Acts 13:38-39 *Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: 39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.*
 6. **Peter** taught that Jesus was the end of the commandment for salvation too. Peter, the apostle to the apostle to the Jews and Pastor of the church at Jerusalem settled the issue of salvation by grace through faith alone publically among the disputing Jews who were saved, yet desired to add the works of the law to salvation. (read **Acts 15:6-11**).

Acts 15:9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

7. The apostle **John** also contributed.

1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

8. Paul said it this way to the Galatians.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the **faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

- D. Paul lists three things that produced **charity** in the life of a Christian.

1. A pure **heart** which is given you when you get saved.

- a. Peter, speaking of the "one true baptism of the holy Ghost" said:

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

2. A good **conscience** is the indication of a clean mind and faithful heart.

- a. The mind is closely correlated with the conscience in scripture. To be filled with scripture coupled with a pure heart gives us a good conscience. Sadly this is an increasingly hard to come by as the days grow more evil.

Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3. Faith unfeigned is **visible** to those who are looking for it.

2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

- a. You cannot lose your salvation but you can lose your purity! Paul was concerned about this among the saved when he wrote to the church at Corinth likened them to a chaste virgin preparing herself for Christ's coming.

- E. How do we **measure** up?

1. This is so important because it is charity which sets us apart from the world.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 **By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

2. We need to get this right or the world the Father loves will not receive the one Savior who can free them from the law of sin and death.
3. Beloved we are not commanded to love the world, in fact we are commanded not to love the world (1 John 2:15). We are commanded to love God so that he can love the world through us. When you find that you love the world instead of God you will find you have swerved as the false teachers of **1 Timothy 1:6**.

Our Relationship with the Law

Is to be Loving Thesis 1: Because the law is fulfilled in Christ.

Is to be Lawful Thesis 2: Because the law is still useful in leading sinners to Christ.

II. Our Relationship With The Law Is To Be Lawful 1 Timothy 1:6-10

Thesis 1: Our relationship with the law should be loving because the law is fulfilled in Christ.

Thesis 2: Our relationship with the law should be lawful because the law is still useful in leading sinners to Christ.

- A. The law is not bad if we use it lawfully. **1 Timothy 1:6-7**
 1. The fact that people didn't understand how to use the law was not the law's fault!
 2. The law hasn't done anything wrong. It was those who misused it because of impure hearts that manifest their ignorance of the law.
 3. They could not teach the law because they were ignorant of the law's purpose.
 - a. These may have been like those who were "puffed up" in **1 Corinthians 8:1-3**. Knowledge can puff up, charity builds up.
 4. Paul was could speak authoritatively on who understood the law because he was an expert in both the law of God and the Love of Jesus.
- B. Christians should understand the proper use of the law. **1 Timothy 1:8 -10**
 1. Paul says "we know" that the law is good if a man use it lawfully.
 2. He is referring to leading a sinner to Christ.
- C. Paul cites five of the ten commandments as example:
 1. **Fifth** Commandment: **Exodus 20:12** Honor Father and mother.
 2. **Sixth** Commandment: **Exodus 20:12-13** Thou shalt not kill (murder)
 3. **Seventh** Commandment: **Exodus 20:14** Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods, his wife nor commit adultery.
 4. **Eighth** Commandment **Exodus 20:15** Thou shalt not steal
 5. **Ninth** Commandment **Exodus 20:16** Thou shalt not bear false witness
- D. Pat Lee will be teaching us about IGQ in the coming weeks.
 1. It is imperative that evangelism is intentional in our lives else we will not disciple it into others.
- E. Ray Comfort has several videos with "Way of the master" demonstrating practical ways to show someone they are a sinner using the law and leading them to faith in Christ as the solution to sin.
 1. Any honest person knows they have broken the law of God. The idea is not to legislate morality for once you are guilty there must be a sacrifice.
 2. The only acceptable sacrifice is Jesus.
 3. If you were to go to jail the only way to be released is mercy or justice.
 4. For a sinner, the law reveals God's justice and Jesus reveals God's mercy.
 5. It is a fool who understanding God's demand of the law is perfection and they are a sinner and yet refuses the perfect sacrifice for sin and believing Jesus is Savior yet not trusting in him alone for their salvation. That was exactly what was going on in the first century and it is going on today.

6. There is no other name under heaven whereby you must be saved!
7. We need to invite folks to Christ and if we can't do that we can invite them to Christmas Eve Service.

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III. Our Relationship With The Law Is To Be Liberating 1 Timothy 1:11

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Thesis 2: Our relationship with the law should be lawful because the law is still useful in leading sinners to Christ.

Thesis 3: Our relationship with the law should be **liberating** through the illumination of the glorious gospel of Christ.

A. The law illuminates the gospel!

1. Jesus died to fulfill the demand of the law.
2. Jesus rose the third day to reveal his authority over the law.
3. Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father because he is the only just administrator of the law.
4. The law illuminates the gospel because the Creator of the law fulfilled it instead of manipulating it.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

B. We have been entrusted with the glorious gospel too!

1. We may be free from the law but are we bound to the gospel?
2. Paul said "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:16, 1 Thessalonians 2:4 *but as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God which trieth our hearts.*

Our Relationship with the Law

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Is to be Lawful Thesis 2: Because the law is still useful in leading sinners to Christ.

Is to be Liberating Thesis 3: Because of the illumination of the glorious gospel of Christ.

Conclusion: **Love & Light are the two things this world needs. The Law used lawfully will reveal both.** What motivates someone who has everything to give anything? Love! **Love is what motivates us to share Christ and the law is what motivates sinners to receive Christ.**