

The Pastoral Epistles

A Manual for Church Leadership & Organization



1 Timothy

1 Timothy 1:3

What was the nature of this false teaching?

The Ephesian Heresy

had Jewish roots

overly technical, 6:4

based on myths and genealogies, 1:4

commanded ascetic practices, 4:3

based on the OT law, 1:7-8

devoid of true substance, 2 Tim. 2:16a

teachers were argumentative, 2 Tim. 2:23

highly speculative, 1:4

promoted sinful behavior, 2 Tim. 2:16b

1 Timothy 1:4

The content and results of the false doctrine

4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

1 Timothy 1:4a

**What did these mythical genealogies
say?**

The Book of Jubilees



And Adam knew Eve his wife and she bare yet nine sons.

And in the fifth week of the fifth jubilee [225-31 A.M.] Seth took Azûrâ his sister to be his wife, and in the fourth (year of the sixth week) [235 A.M.] she bare him Enos.

He began to call on the name of the Lord on the earth.

And in the seventh jubilee in the third week [309-15 A.M.] Enos took Nôâm his sister to be his wife, and she bare him a son in the third year of the fifth week, and he called his name Kenan.

And at the close of the eighth jubilee [325, 386-3992 A.M.] Kenan took Mûalêlêth his sister to be his wife, and she bare him a son in the ninth jubilee, in the first week in the third year of this week, [395 A.M.] and he called his name Mahalalel.

1 Timothy 1:4b

An alternate translation of 1:4b

New American Standard Bible

nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith.

Holman Christian Standard Bible

or to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies. These promote empty speculations rather than God's plan, which operates by faith.

New International Version

or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work--which is by faith.

1 Timothy 1:5

The goal of Paul's command

5 The aim of our charge is **love** that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:5

How does love fit into this equation?



the false teachers were creating an environment that was absent of Christian love



pure heart (heart cleansed of sin; cf. 6:5)

good conscience (conscience clear of guilt); cf. 4:2

sincere faith (faith devoid of hypocrisy); cf. 2 Tim. 3:8

1 Timothy 1:6-7

The true motives of the false teachers

6 Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

1 Timothy 1:6-7

What happens when love is absent from the church?

Vain discussion



Greek, *mataiologia*: vain speaking; foolish and empty talking; senseless babble



LOVE

FALSE DOCTRINE



LOVE

1 Timothy 1:6-7

Should all become teachers?

James 3:1

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

1 Timothy 1:8-11

The true intention of the law

8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9 understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the **lawless** and disobedient, for the **ungodly** and sinners, for the **unholy** and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, 10 the sexually immoral, **men who practice homosexuality, enslavers**, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to **sound** doctrine, 11 in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

1 Timothy 1:8-9b

What use does the law have in the life of a Christian?

1

To restrain evil, cf. Rom. 13:1ff

2

To lead us to Christ, cf. Rom. 7:7ff; Gal. 3:23ff

3

To determine our behavior, Rom. 8:4; 13:8

1 Timothy 1:9c-11

For whom has the law been created?

- ✓ **lawless**: *anomia* > those with no commitment to any standard of law
- ✓ **ungodly**: *asebes* > without regard for anything sacred
- ✓ **unholy**: *anosios* > disrespect of the things of God; indifferent to what is right
- ✓ **homosexuals**: *arsenokoites* > from *arsen*=male; *koites*=bed; literally, "male in bed with another male"
- ✓ **enslavers**: *andrapodistes* > refers to either a slave trader or a kidnapper; cf. Ex. 21:16

1 Timothy 1:10b-11

Is your doctrine sound?

SOUND



hugiaino > in good working order, pure, uncorrupted, healthy; medical term > from which we get our English "hygiene"

1 Timothy 6:3: "sound words"

2 Timothy 1:13: "sound words"

2 Timothy 4:3: "sound doctrine"

Titus 1:9; 2:1: "sound doctrine"

Titus 1:13; 2:2: "sound in [the] faith"

(8 uses in PE)

1 Timothy 1:8-11

2 Characteristics of false teaching

1

Based on a misunderstanding of the Bible,
cf. 1:7-8

2

Based on legalistic teachings, cf. 4:3

1 Timothy 1:8-11

Be on the alert for false teachers

1

Examine the **teaching**: cf. 2 Tim. 2:15, e.g., do they place other writings on par with Scripture?

2

Examine their **goals**: Do they seek to love, honor, and glorify God?

3

Examine their **motives**: Are they humble and selfless?

4

Examine their **effects**: Do they promote works righteousness? Does it lead to holiness?

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The true grace of the gospel

The History of Saul (Paul) 1

Acts 22:3: "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus...educated at the feet of Gamaliel..."

Acts 22:28: "...Paul said, 'But I am a citizen [of Rome] by birth..."

Phil 3:5: "...circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee..."

Phil 3:6: "...as to zeal, a persecutor of the church..."

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The History of Saul (Paul) 2

Gal. 1:13: "For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it."

Acts 7:58: "...And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul."

Acts 8:1: "...And Saul approved of his execution..."

Acts 8:3: "But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house...and committed them to prison."

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The History of Saul (Paul) 3

Acts 9:3: "Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus..."

Acts 9:4: "...And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'"

Acts 9:15: "But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name...'"

Acts 9:20: "And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues..."

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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The History of Saul (Paul) 4

Acts 9:3: "Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus..."

Gal. 1:17: "...but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus."

Acts 13:7: "He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God."

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The true grace of the gospel

THE SOURCE OF GRACE

12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his **service**,

"God does not choose anyone who is worthy, but in choosing him renders him worthy."

St. Augustine

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Greek: *diakonia* > lit. "table-waiter"; refers to active service

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THE NEED FOR GRACE

13 though formerly I was a blasphemer,
persecutor, and **insolent opponent**.



Greek: *hubristes* > an insulting or
violent person; nasty spirit; English
"hubris" derived from word

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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THE POWER OF GRACE

But I received mercy because [since] I
had **acted ignorantly in unbelief,**

UN-INTENTIONAL
SIN

Numbers 15:22-29

INTENTIONAL
SIN


Numbers 15:30-31

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The true grace of the gospel

THE MEASURE OF GRACE

14 and the **grace** of our Lord
overflowed for me with the **faith** and
love that are in Christ Jesus.



Greek: *huperpleonazo* > from *huper* &
pleonazo > increase or abound; cf.

Rom. 5:20

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The true grace of the gospel

THE MEASURE OF GRACE

blasphemer → GRACE

persecutor → FAITH

insolent opponent → LOVE

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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THE PURPOSE OF GRACE

15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, **Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.**



1 Timothy 1:12-17

The true grace of the gospel

THE RESPONSE TO GRACE

17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

"If God's mercy can extend to someone as sinful as Paul, surely it can reach anyone."

William D. Mounce