



God's Love Through Our Lives

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Timothy 1

Paul's letter to Timothy has a central purpose stated within the letter itself. *"if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth"* (1 Timothy 3:15, ESV). With this purpose in mind, Paul covers a variety of subjects in the letter itself.

In this first chapter we see Paul advocating for the centrality of the gospel, especially in the face of false teaching. This continues to be a needed call and challenge for followers of Christ Jesus today. Paul urges Timothy and each of us to:

- Guard the gospel (3-11)
- Celebrate the gospel (12-17)
- Fight for the gospel (18-20)
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He gives us the goal of his charge, *"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, ESV). **God's love through our lives is an overflow of God's work in our lives!**

A pure heart refers to wholeness within the inner, spiritual dimension of a person. The heart is considered the control center of our lives. The pure heart is cleansed from sin by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A good conscience means living according to the standards and practices which the group (in this case the church) deemed proper and acceptable. It means living according to God's revealed moral law, which shows God's will for those that know and love Him.

Sincere faith is a trust in God that is not merely talk but is a genuine trust and confidence in God that impacts the way that we live. We trust that the Word of God provides us with clear guidance on the best way to live.

As we rest in the righteousness of Christ, possessed by the Spirit of Christ, compelled by the ongoing grace of Christ, we are led from the inside out to walk in God's will and God's love. For a Christ-follower, God's law is no longer a crushing burden but a divine guide into life at its best full of love for God and others.

Isn't that what we want for ourselves and others? We want to be a people who love God and love others out of the overflow of a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. Paul tells us that only the gospel produces that kind of life.

PRAYER: Father, thank You for the rescuing, transforming work of Your grace through the gospel of Jesus Christ in my life. Help me walk in Your love and Your truth today by the power of Your Holy Spirit at work within me.

MONDAY'S READING: 1 Timothy 2

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