

Lessons From I Timothy

Those Contrary To Sound Doctrine (I Ti 1:3-11)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening,
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of “Lessons From I Timothy.”
 - a. Last week we looked at the “Introduction.”
 - i. **I Ti 1:1-2** “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, 2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”¹
 - b. This week we will be looking at “Those Contrary To Sound Doctrine.”
 - i. **I Ti 1:3** “As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine”
3. Some interesting things here.
 - a. Paul headed to Macedonia yet he left Timothy in Ephesus.
 - i. This particular event is not recorded in the book of Acts.
 1. This is also a very strong indication that this was after Paul’s release from prison instead of death at the end of Acts.
 - b. Macedonia
 - i. This was a Roman province on the Balkan Peninsula.
 1. That would be modern Greece.
4. Paul reminds Timothy of two things Timothy was supposed to keep in mind, before Paul left for Macedonia.
 - a. First, command false teachers to stop teaching false doctrine.
 - i. **I Ti 1:3-7**
 - b. Second, properly use the Law of Moses.
 - i. **I Ti 1:8-11**
5. With this in mind let us learn the great lesson herein.
 - I. **Preachers Are To Silent Those Contrary To Sound Doctrine**
 - A. Timothy was to stop false doctrine in its place
 1. Considering verses 8-11 it would appear the false teachers were Judaizing teachers.
 - i. These were Jews that had been converted to Christianity but were trying to bind circumcision and other aspects of the Old Law on Gentiles.

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- B. Preachers have a responsibility to command the cessation of certain teachings
1. Those “certain teachings” are...
 - i. Any doctrine that is not sound doctrine.
 - a. Sound doctrine is the only doctrine that is to be preached.
 1. **Ti 2:1** “But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.”
 - b. Different doctrines are dangerous and based on pride, a lack of knowledge, a desire for confrontation, and greed.
 1. **I Ti 6:3-4** “If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions”
 - ii. Any teaching of myths or fables as truth.
 - a. Jews were well known for the “silly legends” as Adam Clark put it. (from Adam Clarke's Commentary, Electronic Database. Copyright © 1996, 2003, 2005, 2006 by BibleSoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)
 - b. They appeared to rely on those fables or myths (ESV) as if they were truth and hence the reason Paul so adamantly charged against them.
 1. **Ti 1:14** “not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.”
 - iii. Any teaching of endless genealogies as important.
 - a. The Judaizing Christians wanted to hold on to their genealogies, special days, and circumcision.
 1. **Ti 3:9** “But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.”
 2. **Ga 4:10-11** “You observe days and months and seasons and years! 11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.”
 - b. Those that hold to such are weak in the faith and as such they need to mature past that.
 1. **Ro 14:1, 5** “As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions...5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.”

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2. Preachers are expected to silence anything that is a different doctrine.
 - i. They are to do so using sound doctrine.
 - a. Combating false doctrine with more false doctrine does no good.
 1. **II Ti 4:2** “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”
 2. **II Co 10:4-6** “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, 6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.
 - ii. They are to do so using love and a pure heart.
 - a. A preacher cannot silence sin with a ho-hum attitude or one filled with sin. One will never have the courage to stand against false doctrine and the other will never fill adequate to do so.
 1. **I Pt 1:22** “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart”
 2. **Ja 5:19-20** “My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”
 - iii. They are to do so from a good conscience and sincere faith.
 - a. This is really just a reemphasis of what was just said.
 1. Thus the doubling up shows its importance.

C. Thus...

1. Preachers have a responsibility to actively silence false teachings of any kind.
 - i. Illustration: When I first tried out here one thing I stated clearly was that if I came across something that appeared in contradiction to sound doctrine I would bring it up to the men so we could study it and come to the proper conclusion. If they refused to study it sermons would start until it we came to one mind on it.

II. The Law Was For Those That Are Contrary To Sound Doctrine

- A. Paul had heard and pointed out some of these false teachers to Timothy
 1. They were ones that “desired to be teachers of the law.”
 - i. Jewish rabbis and teachers were considered highly of.
 - a. There was certain prestige that came with those titles.
 - ii. These false teachers it appears had this desire to be prestigious.

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2. They were the ones that “wandered into vain discussions” because they were “without understanding” concerning what they were teaching.
 - i. These false teachers were dangerous much like the “TV Evangelist” of today that seek fame and preach not what the Bible says but what their audience wants to hear.
- B. Paul then makes clear the purpose for the Law of Moses
 1. It is important to remember that the Law of Moses is under consideration here.
 - i. This is evident by these Judaizing false teachers.
 2. The Old Laws purpose.
 - i. First to exemplify righteousness.
 - a. **Ro 7:12** “So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.”
 - ii. Second to make known sin.
 - a. **Ro 7:13** “Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.”
- C. We must never forget the purpose of the Law of Christ
 1. We should be without doubt that God has always had law.
 - i. In fact faith only comes by learning and then obeying the law.
 - a. **Ro 10:17; He 11:4**
 2. The Law of Christ purpose is simple as well.
 - i. It is to teach the gospel or sound doctrine.
 - a. **I Ti 1:10-11** “...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.”
- D. Thus...
 1. Preachers have a responsibility to understand that which they are preaching.

CONCLUSION

1. Brethren let thank you for making my responsibility to easy.
 - a. You are to be commended.
2. Question: Are you able to stand up against false teaching?
 - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
 - b. If not why not?
3. Invitation
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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- b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
- i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**