

1 Timothy 1:17-20

LESSON 07

Casualties of War

1. 1 Timothy 1:17 – Jesus the God King

- a. The idolatrous battle in Ephesus – Acts 19:26-27, 33-35
- b. Every word is an attack on the false gods of Ephesus (described by the antonym)
- c. Every word also describe the Christian life – 2Cor 4:18, 1Cor 1:29-30; 15:53; 2Ti 1:10
- d. Our life is hid in God described in this verse as King - Col 2:3; 3:1-3; 1Ti 6:16

2. 1 Timothy 1:18 – A Charge to War

- a. The charge repeated from 1 Tim 1:1,3, 5, and 6:12 where he is told to fight
- b. Why should he fight? God, his father, the prophecies, the danger of not, the enemy
- c. Prophecies and gifts were given, which are now long done – 1Cor 12:7-11; 1Tim 4:14
- d. This is not OT prophecy, “he has potential”, predictions, encouragement, or guesses
- e. “*war a good warfare*” – We battle – 2 Tim 2:3; 2 Cor 10:3-5; Eph 6:12; 2 Tim 4:7
- f. There are enemies. They look like this – Rom 11:28; Phi 3:18; 2Cor 11:13-15; Gal 1:8

3. 1 Timothy 1:19 – Shipwreck Faith

- a. If you don't fight for something, you will lose it – “continue thou” - 2Tim 3:14
- b. The key to good warfare? Holding faith & good conscience
- c. “*Holding faith*” - faithfulness to the doctrine – 1 Cor 4:1-2; 2 Tim 1:13, 2:2;
- d. “*Good conscience*” – Without this you are crippled – only you and God know this
- e. Difference between knowing what you should, and doing what you should
- f. These are the qualities in 1 Tim 3:9. If you believe it, be it, live it, prove it.
- g. Shipwreck faith is not going anywhere, and maybe won't go anywhere <- casualty
- h. You join the fight to prevent disasters of the faith that come from wrong teaching

4. 1 Timothy 1:20 – Delivered unto Satan

- a. Imagine being in Hymenaeus' church and hearing about Paul's letter
- b. In battle, you must clearly identify the landmines, enemy, and traps
- c. Calling people out is something that Jesus and Paul did – Gal 2:11; 2 Tim 4:14
- d. Paul warns to stay away from certain people - Rom 16:17; 1 Tim 6:5
- e. These guys put away concerning faith, and wrecked others – 2 Tim 2:17
- f. “delivered unto Satan” – also in 1 Cor 5:5, and 2 Thess 3:12-15
 - i. This means to put him away, out of the company/ministry of the church
 - ii. The last chance to help someone may be to wait for them to fall