

# 1 Timothy

## Fight the Good Fight

## The Proper Use of the Law

### Introduction and Review (*1 Timothy 1:3-5, 7*)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of the Law (*1 Timothy 1:8; Romans 7:12*)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law (*Galatians 3:23-24; Romans 8:3-4*)

A. The Law \_\_\_\_\_ (*Romans 3:20, 7:13*)

B. The Law \_\_\_\_\_ (*Exodus 21:15-17; Leviticus 20:2*)

C. The Law \_\_\_\_\_ (*Psalms 1:2; John 14:15; Matthew 5:17-19*)

3. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ About the Law (*1 Timothy 1:8-10; Exodus 20:12-16; Ephesians 6:5*)

4. The Law and Gospel are \_\_\_\_\_ of Sound Doctrine (*1 Timothy 1:10-11; Matthew 5:27-28*)

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**Discussion Questions (1 Timothy 1:8-11)**

1. **Review:** Why did Paul “urge” Timothy to remain in Ephesus? What were “certain persons” teaching and how was it related to the Old Testament Law? (*1 Timothy 1:3-7*)
2. What does it mean that “*the law is good*” and why does Paul add “*if one uses it lawfully*”? (*1 Timothy 1:8, Romans 7:12*) What are some unlawful uses of the law? (*1 Timothy 1:3-7*)
3. Was the Law ever meant to be a means of salvation? (*Galatians 3:23-24; Romans 8:1-4*)
4. What are the three purposes of the Law today? (*Romans 3:20; Romans 7:13; Exodus 21:15-17; Leviticus 20:2; Psalm 1:2; John 14:15; Matthew 5:17-19*)
5. Which purpose of the Law does Paul focus on and why? (*1 Timothy 1:9-11*) Which purpose of the law have you found helpful in your life?
6. What do you notice about the list of sins in *1 Timothy 1:9-10*? How do they relate to the 10 commandments?
7. What is Paul’s point about the law’s restraint of sin as it relates to sound doctrine and different (or contrary) doctrine? (*1 Timothy 1:9-10*) Where do you see different doctrine (doctrine that is contrary to the word of God) leading to sin in our world?
8. How does what is contrary to sound doctrine harm “*the gospel of God’s glory*” and how does sound doctrine promote “*the gospel of God’s glory*”? (*1 Timothy 1:9-11*)
9. Why is it so important for us to defend the truth of God’s word (sound doctrine, the law, the gospel)? What can you do to grow in your understanding and defense of these things?