

# 1 Tim 1 M.E.A.T Notes/Questions:

MEAT of the gospel: Motivation, Examination, Application, and Takeaway

1. Paul states that the purpose of the commandment is love and then gives 3 qualifiers. List and explain the 3 qualifiers.
2. False teaching creates division. List the 5 attributes or actions that Paul list associated with the false teachers and teachings.
3. The Law is Good if used lawfully. Explain what Paul means by this statement.
4. What is “good warfare” and how does “delivering” someone to Satan fit into this concept?

Motivation:

Examination:

Application:

Takeaways:

- Note Paul’s authority as Apostle – “by commandment of God, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ”
- Paul’s emotional attachment to Timothy, like a father sending off a son – “a true son in the faith”
- The purpose of the Commandment is love
  - From a pure heart
  - From a good conscience
  - From sincere Faith
- False doctrine creates division – roots of Gnosticism (*combo of Judaism, Persian thought [philosophy], and Christianity*) – *sound familiar?*
  - Doctrine (teaching) other than what Paul has taught
  - Heed to fables – listening to “make believe” that sounds good
  - Genealogies – carry over from Judaism -> earthly lineage vs Heavenly lineage
  - Straying away to idle talk
  - Desiring to be teachers of the law which they neither understand, nor affirm (live by)
- The Law is Good if used lawfully
  - The Law is not made for the righteous, but for the lawless, insubordinate, ungodly, and sinners; the unholy and profane
- Paul thanks Lord Jesus for putting him in the ministry, even though at the time he was called he was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent
  - The issue wasn’t Paul’s Faith or his desire for God, it was his ignorance of the Truth, which cause unbelief (scales over his eyes).
    - For this reason, Paul says that Jesus showed mercy upon him
- It is a faithful and trustworthy saying that Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom Paul calls himself chief.
  - The longsuffering of God toward Paul is a pattern for all to everlasting life
- Properties of God as KING:
  - Eternal, immortal, invisible, alone is wise
- Paul charges Timothy to “wage the good warfare”
  - In contrast, some have rejected his teachings and are “shipwrecked” – Hymenaeus and Alexander specifically.
    - Paul “delivered to Satan” the two men, that they learn not to blaspheme
      - They are handed over not as unbelievers, but that they might reject their evil ways
      - Discipline is for reconciliation. They were to be excluded in order that they might return. The word translated “delivered” is only used in the NT as a reference to learning through God’s discipline.

Pastor’s MEAT:

Motivation: A warning to false teaching that will inevitably enter the church and our duty as mature Christians to wage “good warfare” against it, thereby hoping to recover those who fall into error.

Examination: Do I teach another doctrine? Do I give heed to fables? Do I preoccupy myself with genealogies? Do I engage in dispute rather than godly edification? Do I use the Law lawfully?

Application: As Crossbridge prays for 100 baptisms in the next year, we are faced with the inevitability of the introduction of false doctrine. We must make sure that we have mature Christians in leadership (not developing ones) and that all are being developed into maturity. Otherwise, we will give the church over and be ineffectual in our mission.

Takeaways: I must strive to be a pattern of good works and Jesus's longsuffering in my own leadership within my family, as well as the Pastor of Crossbridge. I must hold my leaders highly accountable for the sake of everyone.