



WEEK 1 · SOUND DOCTRINE · LOVE IN ACTION

SERMON NOTES

THE GOAL IS LOVE

1 Timothy 1:1–11 (ESV) Pastor Dennis Feliciano Sinai Church

BIG IDEA

Sound doctrine is not the finish line. _____ is. Truth that does not produce love has been handled wrongly.

SERIES QUESTION

What does a healthy church family look like — and what threatens it? (Anchor text: 1 Timothy 3:14–15)

1. THE SOURCE OF TRUTH vv. 1–2

Truth comes from _____.

- “By command” — epitagē. Not a request. Paul establishes whose _____ stands behind the instruction.
- God our Savior · Christ Jesus our hope: the One with the right to tell you how to live is the same One who _____ to get you in the door.
- “My true child” — gnēsios. Household language is here before chapter three names it: Father, Savior, son.
- Grace, _____, and peace. Paul adds a word — because instruction comes with provision for our failures.

2. THE FIGHT FOR TRUTH vv. 3–4

Truth is worth _____.

- “Remain at Ephesus.” Stay. Confront it. Timothy’s hardest assignment was to not leave.
- It never sounds like heresy. It arrives sounding almost _____. (Acts 20:29–30 — “from among your own selves”)
- Myths and endless genealogies — fascinating, and going nowhere. Paul contrasts speculation with oikonomia, the way God’s _____ is run.
- Paul’s test is not “Is this interesting?” but “What is this _____ in me?”

3. THE FRUIT OF TRUTH vv. 5–7

Truth must produce _____.

“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)

- The aim — telos. The finish line, not a side effect.
- A pure _____ — motive. Am I after their good, or after being seen as right?
- A good _____ — integrity. Is my private life anywhere near my public position?
- A sincere _____ — anypokritos, “un-acted.” Faith with no mask on.
- Nobody announces they are drifting. Swerving · wandering · vain discussion. Confidence is not _____, and it deceives its holder first.

4. THE FREEDOM OF TRUTH vv. 8-11

Truth leads us to _____.

- “The law is good, if one uses it lawfully.” nomos / nomimōs. The problem is never the blade — it is the hand that holds it.
- A surgeon and a butcher both hold a knife. Same tool, different _____.
- “Sound doctrine” — hygiainousa didaskalia. Not primarily accurate; _____. Doctrine is food and medicine, not a filing cabinet.
- The vice list of vv. 9-10 is not a wall to stand behind. It is a _____ — every category on it names a person Christ came to save.
- Paul put his own name at the top of the list: “of whom I am the foremost.” (1 Timothy 1:15)
- The law names the _____; the gospel names the _____.

The whole movement: the law exposes our sin, the law sends us to Christ, and Christ produces the love the law was after all along. (Romans 13:10)

THREE THINGS I AM ASKING OF THIS HOUSE

- 1. Run the diagnostic.** Not on the church down the road — on you. What is your Bible knowledge producing? If it produces patience, it is healthy. If it produces contempt, something has gone wrong in the handling.
- 2. Repair the relationship.** Think of the argument you won. Go back to that person this week — a text, a call, a cup of coffee — for their sake, not for the record. You can be right and still owe somebody something.
- 3. Come into the house.** You cannot learn house rules from the driveway. Be here on Sundays, join a Life Group or the Wednesday study, and take the family devotional home.

FOR THE WEEK · PERSONAL & LIFE GROUP

- What has my Bible knowledge actually produced in me — patience, or sharpness? How do I handle people who are wrong?
- Where have I been more interested in being right than in being loving? Who is that person, and what do I owe them?
- Have I been reading the list in vv. 9-10 as a wall, with me outside it? What changes if it is a door?
- Which of the three — pure heart, good conscience, sincere faith — is God putting His finger on this week?

PASSAGES WE TOUCHED

1 Timothy 1:1-11, 15 · 1 Timothy 3:14-15 · Acts 20:29-30 · Titus 1:10-11 · Romans 13:10 · Romans 3:20 · Galatians 3:24 · 1 Corinthians 13:2 · John 13:35 · Deuteronomy 5:16-20 · 2 Timothy 2:16-17

NOTES

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THE AIM OF OUR CHARGE IS LOVE. · 1 TIMOTHY 1:5