## Lesson 18

### The Pattern of Faithful Believers

### 1 Timothy 1

### Day 1: Faithfulness to Doctrine (vs. 1-7)

1. In verses 1–2, Paul’s familiar greeting of grace and peace includes the term “mercy.” Using a dictionary, define mercy.   
     
     
     
     
     
     
   1. What is the significance of mercy in the Christian life? See Titus 3:3–7.
2. From verses 3–7, what is the main problem Paul is addressing?   
     
     
     
     
     
     
   1. Why do you think the men Paul refers to in verses 6–7 wanted to be teachers of the Law? (See Matthew 23:1–12)
   2. Who or what is the source of the “strange doctrines…myths and endless genealogies” that lead to speculation and fruitless discussions? (See 1 John 3:7–8)
3. From verse 5, what are the three elements of sound teaching?

**Day 2: Faithful Purpose of the Law (vs. 8-11)**

1. What is a believer’s lawful use of the Law?   
     
     
     
     
     
     
   1. Read Galatians 3:24–25. What does this passage teach about the Law and the believer?
   2. What additional information do you find about the Law in Romans 3:19–20?
   3. How would you use these principles in evangelism?
2. Why is the Law “not made for a righteous person?”
3. How do the “lawless deeds” listed in 1 Timothy 1:9–10 relate to Exodus 20:1–17?
4. Why do you think Paul calls the gospel “glorious” in verse 11?
5. What specific attributes of God are most closely associated with the gospel?

**Day 3: Faithful Servant – Part 1 (vs. 12-17)**

1. Read Acts 9:1–22 and 26:9–18. In your own words, describe Paul’s life before salvation.   
     
     
     
     
     
     
   1. How was he converted?
   2. What was Paul’s response to his conversion?
2. Read Philippians 3:4–6 for a description of Paul’s former identity. How does this explain why he acted “ignorantly in unbelief?”
3. From 1 Timothy 1:12–14, what happened to Paul before he could be placed into useful service?

**Day 4: Faithful Servant – Part 2 (vs. 12-17)**

1. How is the “grace of our Lord…more than abundant?” (See Romans 5:20–21)
2. Why is verse 15 “a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance?”
3. Why do you think Paul considered himself the foremost of sinners?   
     
     
     
     
     
     
   1. What does James 2:10 tell us about our sin?
   2. What does Romans 2:4 tell us about God’s character and purposes?
4. From verse 17, list the characteristics of God for which Paul offers praise? How can you join him in praising God?

**Day 5: Fighting the Faithful Fight (vs. 18-20)**

1. What is Paul’s command to Timothy in verses 18?   
     
     
     
     
     
     
   1. From verse 19, what are the two characteristics of the “good fight?”
2. Why is a good conscience necessary in keeping the faith? See also 2 Corinthians 1:12 and 1 Timothy 1:5.
3. From verses 18–19, how would you define a “shipwrecked” life?   
     
     
     
     
     
     
   1. How had Hymenaeus and Alexander shipwrecked their lives, and what was the result?
4. Taking time for prayerful consideration and review, summarize the lessons you have learned in chapter 1 and what steps you will take to apply them to your life.

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