

Message Notes

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Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Timothy 1:3-7, 18-20

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Current Series: Think Biblically

Message Title: The Good Fight

1 Timothy 1:3-7 - *As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer⁴ nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work--which is by faith.⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.⁶ Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk.⁷ They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.*

1 Timothy 1:18-20 - *Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight,¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.²⁰ Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.*

Stop _____ ...

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1. What advice that you've received in the past made perfect sense to you? What confused you?
2. Why are churches susceptible to false teachers? What factors contribute to false teaching in the church?
3. In what ways have you seen a church hurt by false teaching?
4. The books of 2 Peter, 3 John, and Jude all address the problem of false teaching in the church. In what ways was the false teaching that plagued these churches the same and different than the church at Ephesus?
5. Why is false teaching a major concern in the New Testament? In what ways have we as a church shared, or failed to have, the same level of concern?
6. Do you see ways that the big C Church today is under attack by false teaching? What should we do about it?
7. How does our love of God and others affect our response to false teaching?
8. How can you personally benefit from this message focus? How can this focus benefit Bridges Community Church?