

# Guard the Gospel

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**Passage:** I Timothy 1:3-11

**Main Point:** Guard yourself against false doctrines.

### Case Study:

Paul wrote to Timothy that the goal of sound teaching is love that originates from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith (1 Timothy 4-5). Yet, many wicked things are done in the name of love. Can love be manipulated into a false teaching? What does this teach us about false teachings?

### **The Word:**

1. What sorts of doctrine does Paul command Timothy to prohibit? Are there doctrines, today, that distract the church from proclaiming the Gospel? (v.4-5).
2. What is the goal of a doctrine that is effective in promoting the Gospel? (v.4-5).
3. Read Galatians 1:6-9. What does Paul reveal about any Gospel outside of the true Gospel of Christ? (v.7).

### **The World:**

1. What are the major Christian doctrines? What are the minor Christian doctrines?
2. What is legalism? What is the opposite of legalism? (v.8-11).
3. What trends, throughout history, have corrupted the teachings of the church?

### **The Application:**

1. Have you ever been distracted by false teachings? What were those teachings and how did you identify them as false?
2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. As you make disciples, how can you guarantee that you are teaching sound doctrine?
3. Why does Paul warn against false teachings inside of the church?

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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### How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.