

KEY QUESTION: *Who are the false teachers?*

The _____ of the Church

1 Timothy 5:20: “*But those elders who are sinning* you are to reprove before everyone, so that the others may take warning.”

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1 Timothy 1:18-20: “Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which *some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.* **20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander,** whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.”

KEY QUESTION: *What were they teaching?*

1 TIMOTHY 1:3-4: “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach *false doctrines* any longer **4** or to devote themselves to *myths and endless genealogies.*”

False Doctrine #1: A Misuse of the O.T. _____ (1 Tim. 1:7; Titus 3:9).

False Doctrine #2: _____ (1 Tim. 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Titus 1:14).

False Doctrine #3: _____ (1 Tim. 1:4; Titus 3:9).

False Doctrine #4: _____ (1 Tim. 4:1-3).

False Doctrine #5: _____ (2 Tim. 2:17-18).

2. False Teachers _____ God’s Work.

1 TIMOTHY 1:4: “Such things promote controversial speculations *rather than advancing God’s work*—which is by faith.”

“Work’ translates *oikonomia*, which can be rendered either ‘stewardship’ or ‘plan’. The reference seems to be to God’s revealed plan of salvation, of which we are stewards, and to which we must respond by faith.” **John Stott, *The Message of 1 Timothy & Titus*, 45.**

- **God’s work is his _____ of _____** (Ephesians 1:9-10; 3:1-9; Colossians 1:25).
- **God’s work is the _____ of His Household** (Eph. 3:2; Col. 1:25; 1 Cor. 4:1; 9:17; 1 Tim. 3:14-15).

3. False Teachers Have _____.

1 TIMOTHY 1:5-6: “*The goal of this command is love*, which comes from a *pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.* **6 Some have departed from these** and have turned to meaningless talk.”

***What are the goals of the false teachers?
What are they all about?***

- ***Financial Gain*** (1 Timothy 6:5).
- ***An unhealthy interest in*** controversies (1:4; 6:4), speculations (1:4), quarrels about words (6:4), foolish & stupid arguments (2 Tim. 2:23), meaningless talk (1:4) & godless chatter (6:4, 20; 2 Timothy 2:14-16, 23) all of *which produce* envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction (6:4-5) and quarrels (2 Tim. 2:23).
- ***Manipulation of women*** (2 Tim. 3:6; 1 Tim. 4:3; 5:11-15).

4. False Teachers _____ the _____.

- **The *wrong* use of the _____** (v.7; Titus 3:9).

1 TIMOTHY 1:7: “They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.”

- **The right use of the _____** (Romans 2:14-16; 7:7-12; Galatians 3:19-25).

1 TIMOTHY 1:8-11: “*We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.* 9 We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers. 10 for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine 11 that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.”

FINAL THOUGHTS

We live in a day where sound doctrine is undermined and many have fallen prey to false teachings. To protect yourself from deception it's important to know the Word of God and devote yourself to learning sound doctrine.

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

Pray together.

What did you learn from Sunday's message? What was new for you? What did you find interesting?

1. For what purposes did Paul place Timothy in Ephesus as the Pastor? (See 1 Timothy 1:3-4; 3:14-15).
2. What do the following texts teach us about false teachers and false doctrines (Deuteronomy 18:20-22; Matthew 7:15-16; 24:10-11, 23-24; 2 Corinthians 11:1-4, 13-15; 2 Peter 2:1-2; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 7-11)? What were some of their teachings?
3. What are some of the false doctrines being taught today that Christian's should be aware of?
4. How does the Biblical teaching about false prophets and teachers apply to our context in Utah? Is there a difference in how we communicate with someone who is a false teacher and one who believes a false teachers message?
5. How can you protect yourself against false doctrines?

Pray for each other

SERIES: God's Blueprint For The Church

TODAY: “On Guard” – 1 Timothy 1:3-11

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INTRODUCTION:

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EPHESUS to be ON GUARD:***

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How did the leaders in Ephesus do?

1. False Teachers Should Be _____ to Stop.

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- **Pastors have _____ to _____ false teachers** (1:3; 4:11; Titus 1:9,13; 2:1,15).
- **Pastors are called to _____ for the Truth against _____** (1 Tim. 1:18-20; 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7).

JUDE 3-4: Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you ***to contend for the faith*** that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. **4 For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you.** They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.”