

Sermon Outline

SOME FIGHTS ARE WORTH HAVING | Paul Harrington

Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 1

1 Timothy contains much that is politically incorrect

1. What sort of letter is this?

- Personal
1 Timothy 1:1-2; 18.
- For God's people for all time
1 Timothy 2:7; 3:14; 6:21.
- Tackling a problem
Acts 20:29 – 30.
1 Timothy 1:3

2. Dealing with the Biggest Problem any Church can face

- Who are these false teachers?

Insiders

They teach the Bible 1:7 ...they want to be teachers of the law

They are wrong 1:3 different doctrine/teaching

- What is the false teaching?
1:4,6,7

What we need to do to please God?

Legalism – 1 Timothy 4:3

- What do you do when faced with false teaching?
1:3

The motivation? 1:5

3. The Remedy for False Teaching

Teaching that is gospel centred

1:2

1:5

- Paul's own experience
1:13, 14, 15, 16
- The worst of sinners? (v15)
- Shown mercy because he acted in ignorance? (v13)

The contrast with Hymenaeus and Alexander (v19-20)

- Drenched in the gospel

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- Choose your fights carefully
- Fight with the right motivation

Strong love