

When Good Things Become Idols

1 Timothy 1:1-7 - Adam Bowers

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Timothy 1:1-7. What stands out to you?
2. What biblical character would you most like to talk with and what would you ask them?
3. Paul called Timothy his son in the faith. Paul was constantly investing in other people and helping them grow in their walk with Jesus. How are you investing in others to help them grow in their faith?
4. Paul told Timothy to confront people who were wasting time on meaningless speculations and leading others to do the same. In Ephesus, this amounted to obsessions with myths and spiritual pedigrees. What types of things might fit into this category in churches today?
5. Although Paul sent Timothy a long list of instructions and principles, he shared his ultimate purpose at the beginning of his letter: “The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.” (1 Timothy 1:5)
6. Paul then explained that the people who were wasting time on meaningless speculations had turned away from these things and missed the point of living a life of faith in God.
7. What are some ways we can prioritize Paul’s instruction in our lives?
8. What are some ways we can avoid time wasting obsessions that don’t help people live lives of faith in God?
9. What was your biggest takeaway from the message and how will you respond to it?