

# The Problem with Strange Teaching and the Power of Sound Teaching

1 Tim. 1:3-11

*The Book of 1 Timothy*

**Theme:** Learning to hear the gospel so as to shun strange teaching.

## **THE BIG PICTURE:**

“Paul charges Timothy to deal with the false teachers (vv. 3-7), briefly corrects their understanding of the law (vv. 8-11), presents himself as an example of the intended effect of the gospel (vv. 12-17), and restates his basic charge with some specific examples of false teachers (vv. 18-20).”<sup>1</sup>

## **Outline:**

- I. What is Strange Teaching (vv. 3-10a)?
  - A. Their confusion [mere speculations].
  - B. Their content [the law / Christian’s must obey the law].
  - C. Their conduct [they dismiss unethical and immoral acts as non-consequential].
  - D. Their consequence (vv. 18-20).
- II. What is Sound Teaching (vv. 10b, 11)?
  - A. The Consequence of Sound Teaching (vv. 4, 5).
    1. The gospel is self-perpetuating [Furthering the administration of God which is by faith (v. 4)]
    2. The gospel is self-stabilizing [love from a pure heart (v. 5)]
  - B. The Content of Sound Teaching (vv. 5, 11).

## **Shepherding the Sheep:** (What is the NEXT STEP?)

1. If you do not know Jesus, then we invite you to consider Him.
2. Do you know the real thing well enough to spot the counterfeit?
3. Do you have to put off strange teaching?
4. Listen for and learn to embrace gospel.

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<sup>1</sup> ESV Study Bible on 1 Timothy 1:3-20.