

PROTECTING THE LORD'S CHURCH

THE POISON OF FALSE TEACHING

1 TIMOTHY 1

for Children:

Spend some time blowing bubbles. On the one hand, it's great that something so simple can bring such joy. On the other hand, seeking happiness and satisfaction from material things is a lot like chasing bubbles: it's just out of reach, or once you touch it, it's gone. Read Hebrews 13:5. Jesus' presence with us is eternal. It will not burst or float away. Jesus is the answer to being content and joyful in our lives.

for the Mature Christian:

Read through the following scriptures, giving time for prayerful contemplation.

- **Luke 12:15** - Jesus says, "every form of greed..." What forms of greed can you be on guard against?
- **Philippians 1:21** - "To live is Christ." This life is about Christ. How can this be a consistently useful reminder for you each day?
- **Psalms 1:1-3** - How can Christians delight in the Law, when it is no longer binding? For the Psalmist it meant delighting in God's will, God's design. Which aspects of God's will and design might you not be delighting in? Prayerfully consider surrender.

for the Growing Christian:

Paul wrote to Timothy: "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith. Some people have strayed from these things and have turned aside to fruitless discussion," (1 Timothy 1:5-6).

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - God's description of what love between brothers and sisters in Christ is. We can easily get distracted from the growth that God is trying to facilitate in our lives. It is perhaps easier, or less threatening to our comfort zone, to get worked up over things out of our control than it is to do the hard work of being patient, kind, and forgiving with those who rub us the wrong way.

How do we get there? First, a "pure heart." God is priority number 1. Second, a "good conscience." Read Hebrews 5:14. Our conscience is trained by daily practice of submitting to God's will and God's Word. Third, a "sincere faith." God has to be your rock (not wealth). God has to be your refuge (not some substance). Our trust must be placed in God alone.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

"the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith."

1 Timothy 1:15

JULY 2024 GROWTH GOALS

- Read the Book of 1 Timothy
- Memorize one of the weekly memory verses
- Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of 1 Timothy (*available on the website*).
- Pray 15 minutes each week for the upcoming Sunday Bible Classes & Worship Assembly.

WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

***I am rich
in my
relationship
with God!***

