

“Faith Shipwrecked”

1 Timothy 1: 18-20

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The Gospel Charge Is The Purity Of Heart That Is The Fruit Of Correct Doctrine, Faith & Love, (vs. 3 – 4)

Message Emphasis: Many are in danger of “running aground” when it comes to their Christian relationship. Many fail to see rightly the serious nature of sin & rebellion before God and consequently, many “reason away” sin & its effects. We MUST see sin for what it really is & take the Scripture’s warning to deal with sin with impunity.

“Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.” (Revelation 3:3, ESV)

The Gospel Charge Warns That Abandoning Pure Faith & Doctrine Leads To Destruction, (vs. 18 – 20)

- Faith is a battle that MUST be waged decisively, (19b) *The Matters of faith are all too real*
 - *Reprobation is not passive – it is materially effective* *The lost actively sin before God – it is not accidental*

By rejecting (Aor.Mid.Part) **this,** *“For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” (Philippians 3:18–19, ESV)*
 - *Reprobation is not temporary – it is a fatal condition* *The lost chronically sin before God – it is not something you “get over”*

some have made shipwreck of their faith, *“But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam’s error and perished in Korah’s rebellion. These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.” (Jude 10–13, ESV)*
 - *Reprobation is not theoretical – it is VERY real* *The lost are real people doing real things incurring a real judgment*

among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, *“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.” (1 Timothy 6:9–10, ESV)*
- Faith is a battle that MUST be waged aggressively, (20b)
 - *Correction MUST be aggressive* *The corrective many times seems more aggressive than we prefer*

whom I have handed (Aor.Act.Ind) **over to Satan** *“When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 5:4–5, ESV)*
 - *Correction MUST be restorative & not punitive* *The corrective MUST be about restoration NOT repudiation*

that they may learn (Aor.Pas.Subj) **not to blaspheme** (Pres.Act.Inf). *“Apply your heart to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge. Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.” (Proverbs 23:12–14, ESV)*

***What Must I Do To Fulfill The Charge? ***

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul; ONLY in Christ will you be able to fight the good fight of faith.

6. The Gospel Charge Reveals The Purposes Of God In Human Affairs, (vs. 2:1 - 7)
7. The Gospel Charge Highlights God's Institution of Authority In Daily Living, (vs. 8 - 15)
8. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Instruct In Doctrine, (vs. 3: 1 - 7)
9. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Lead In Service, (vs. 8 - 13)
10. The Gospel Charge Summarizes How We Live In The Mystery Of The Gospel, (vs. 14 - 16)
11. The Gospel Charge Clarifies That All Things Created By God Are Good, (vs. 4: 1 - 5)