

"A Stewardship By Faith"

1 Timothy 1: 3 - 7

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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 today have moved away from the gospel as the foundation for what they do. Doctrine has become that thing that only theologians and academics are concerned with. Doctrine has even been abandoned by many pastors today. We must see that correct and accurate doctrine is the very bedrock upon which all other things in the Christian life are built and we must hold to this foundation for fear of losing everything else.

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock." (Matthew 7:24-25, ESV)

The Gospel Charge Requires An Unwavering Commitment To Pure Doctrine As A Stewardship Before God, (vs. 3 - 7)

- Our stewardship of the gospel must always be vigilant, (vs. 3) *Are you always seeking the work of Christ?*
As I urged (Aor.Act.Ind) **you when I was going** (Pres.Act.Part) **to Macedonia, remain** (Aor.Act.Inf) **at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach** (Pres.Act.Inf) **any different doctrine,** *"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary." (Revelation 2:2-3, ESV)*
- Our stewardship of the gospel must always be focused, (vs. 4) *Are you distracted by secondary issues?*
nor to devote (Pres.Act.Inf) **themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.** *"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." (2 Timothy 4:2-4, ESV)*
- Our stewardship of the gospel must always be holy, (vs. 5) *Are you always operating out of love?*
The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. *"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first." (Revelation 2:4, ESV)*
- Our stewardship of the gospel must always be central, (vs. 6-7) *Are you always applying pure doctrine?*
Certain persons, by swerving (Aor.Act.Part) **from these, have wandered** (Aor.Pas.Ind) **away into vain discussion, desiring** (Pres.Act.Part) **to be** (Pres.Act.Inf) **teachers of the law, without understanding** (Pres.Act.Part) **either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.** *"and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth – you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal?" (Romans 2:19-21, 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 find real fellowship

3. The Gospel Charge Understands The Proper Role Of God's Law In His Work Of Grace, (vs. 8 - 11)
4. The Gospel Charge Admits That This Work Of Grace Is NOT Based On Our Own Merit, (vs. 12 - 17)
5. The Gospel Charge Warns That Abandoning Pure Faith & Doctrine Leads To Destruction, (vs. 18 - 20)
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)