

## **Recap of 1/28/18 (1 Timothy 1:3-11)**

1. Paul urged Timothy to stay in Ephesus and complete his ministry. Apparently Timothy didn't want to be there. Paul's challenge to Timothy is instructive for those who are in a place they do not want to be (physically or otherwise).

-God had work for him to do

-God could enable and empower Timothy to remain and be productive.

-Remaining and carrying out his ministry would help him to grow

2. The false teaching that Timothy was to challenge revolved around "myths and endless genealogies." This false teaching was characterized by allegorical teaching which ignored the plain, literal meaning of Scripture and replaced it with symbolic or spiritualized meanings. When you leave the plain, literal interpretation of Scripture there is no anchor for your interpretation.

3. "The interpreter must give attention to grammar; to the times, circumstances, and conditions of the writer of the Biblical book; and to the context of the passage." (Bernard Ramm). See messages of 12/17/17 and 1/7/18 for principles of interpretation.

4. This false teaching also included the misuse of the Mosaic Law so Paul teaches the proper use of Law. The following two quotes summarize his points:

-"Law is a sort of medicine, only to be applied where the moral nature is diseased; Christian teaching is a healthy food for healthy people, a means of joy, freedom, larger activity." (Scott)

-"They were leading believers out of the liberty of grace (Gal. 5:1ff) into the bondage of legalism, a tragedy that still occurs today. The flesh (our old sin nature) loves religious legalism, because rules and regulations enable a person to appear holy without really having to change his heart." (Wiersbe)