

The need for truth with the goal of love

1 Timothy 1:1-7

- I. Greetings: A letter from Paul to Timothy (1 Timothy 1:1-2).
 - A. *Apostle* – Paul, the apostle, had the authority of God and the message of Jesus Christ (1:1).
 - B. *Son in the faith* – Timothy came to faith through Paul (1:2a).
 1. Timothy was from Lystra, where Paul had been stoned for preaching (1:2; Acts 14:8-20; 16:1-5).
 2. Timothy's mom and grandmother were believers, but not his dad (Acts 16:1; 2 Timothy 1:5).
 - C. *Grace, mercy, peace* – God's blessings trifecta
- II. Timothy, address false teaching for the sake of the gospel and love (1 Timothy 1:3-7).
 - A. Truth – We will not accomplish God's purpose unless we stay focused on God's word (1:3-4).
 1. Don't tolerate false doctrine and trivial debates which lead to division in the church (3-4a).
 2. Focus God's work of salvation through faith (4b).
 - B. Love – We will not love one another unless we stay focused on God's word (1:5).
 - C. Truth and love are lost when proud people teach distracting, worthless and false things (1:6-7).