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1 Timothy 1:3-7

Paul’s Charge to Timothy: Guard the Gospel

- If we lose the gospel, we lose **everything**.
- We guard the gospel by how we use God’s **Word**.

How Were the False Teachers Misusing God’s Word? (1:3-4, 6-7)

- They were teaching a different **doctrine**. (3)
- They devoted themselves to a different **authority**. (4)
 - They were focused on the **wrong** things...
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 - This produces speculation and arguments.
 - Which distracted them from the **main** thing...
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 - They were failing to lead God’s **people**.
 - They were failing to advance God’s **gospel**.
- They wandered away from love into meaningless talk. (5-6)
 - This produces **endless** controversies.
 - This produces **empty** conversations.
- They wanted the recognition of being a teacher without being able to teach. (7)
 - This produces ignorance and **arrogance** among those who teach.
 - This produces confusion and **deception** among those who hear.

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 - A **good** conscience clear of guilt.
 - Is your greatest desire to **obey** God?
 - Is your greatest motivation to **please** God?
 - A **sincere** faith free from hypocrisy.
 - Do you genuinely trust God?
 - Is your life consistent with your **lips**?
- The key to truly loving God is to truly **know** God.
 - The greatest need of the church today is not **less** doctrine, but **more** doctrine.
 - The more you **learn** about God, the more you should **love** God.

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