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**The Wrong Ways To Use the Law**

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**The Law is Good if We Use it Lawfully (1:8-10)**

- Who is the law for?
  - The law is not for the righteous, but the unrighteous.
  - The law is not for good people, but especially for bad people.
- What is the law's purpose?
  - To show God's restraint of sin.
    - Sin is not something we do. Sin is something we are.
    - We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners.
  - To show God's condemnation of the sinner.
    - The law brings knowledge of sin.
    - The law helps lead people to Christ.
  - To show God's will for the saved.

**The Law Points Us to the Gospel of the Happy God (1:11)**

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- The law condemns our hearts, but it cannot change our hearts.
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  - Either you live under the law as a slave...
  - Or you live in the gospel as a free son.
- The gospel makes glorious promises that Christ will accomplish for us...
  - The law will not make your faith more sincere; Christ can.
  - The law will not purify your conscience; Christ did.
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