

Truth Matters

1 Timothy 1.3-7

Ephesus: **provincial capital**

centre for spread of the Gospel

Acts 19.8-10,18-20;

warned against error 20.17,27-32

Timothy: **confront error, promote truth**

1. Dangerous Distractions (vs3-4)

a) **false doctrine – different teachings**

Gal 1.6-9; 2 Cor 11.4

asserting falsehoods 2 Tim 2.18

denying truths 1 Tim 4.1-4

truth is to be found in Jesus

John 8.31-32

b) **myths – fanciful fables 4.7; 6.5**

c) **genealogies – wild speculations**

➤ **Clear instructions: don't allow them
- don't waste time on them**

- **Compelling reasons:**
harmful controversies arise
6.3-5; 2 Tim 2.14,16,23
God's way is through faith
trust the truth he has given us

2. Vital Virtues (v5)

- **God's goal - love** **Mk 12.29-31;**
John 13.34-35
 - a) a pure heart - motives** **Mat 5.8**
 - b) a good conscience - sensitivity** **4.2**
 - c) a sincere faith - genuine trust**

3. Be Careful who you listen to (vs 6-7)

- **beware of gibberish – deviations;**
novelties **Acts 17.21; Jude 3**
there's nothing new!
- **beware of over-confidence**
it may be a mask for ignorance
 - a) is Jesus being exalted,**
 - b) is his church being built up**
 - c) is his character being reproduced?**