

God's Household, Part 2: "The Proper Use of the Law"
1 Timothy 1:8-11
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We must understand and use the law in light of the gospel.

I. The law is good but it cannot make us good (v. 8)

⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully,

Psalm 1:2 = but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 19:7, 9 = The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.... More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psalm 119:97 = Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

1 Timothy 1:5 = The aim of our charge is **love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.**

Life Application #1: Meditate on the law of God to delight more in the character of God.

II. The law is for the lawless and disobedient (vv. 9-10)

⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, ...

Luke 5:32 = I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

Romans 7:12-13 = So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, **in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.**

⁹ ... for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,

Life Application #2: Wrestle honestly with the vice list in 1 Timothy 1:9-10.

III. The law must be understood and used in light of the gospel (v. 11)

⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ... ¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

2 Corinthians 4:4 = ... the gospel of the glory of **Christ, who is the image of God.**

¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of **the blessed God** with which I have been entrusted.

John 15:11 = These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**

Life Application #3: Speak both the law AND the gospel to yourself and others.

¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God **with which I have been entrusted.**