

What's
your
Message?



1 Timothy 1:4b ...*These [people] promote controversies rather than God's work – which is by faith.*

1 Timothy 1:5 *The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.*

1. Pure Heart

- Starts with God's love for us, and our response

Jeremiah 31:3 *The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.”*

1. Pure Heart

Pure heart – no impurities;
not mixed with other stuff



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Pure heart pruned to make it fit to bear fruit.



2. A Good Conscience

- Conscience can be trained by culture; family upbringing

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- Conscience can be reset to serve God.

Hebrews 9:14 *How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God*

2. A Good Conscience

- A good conscience can be a guidepost.

Matthew 20:13-15 *But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’*

- If your conscience does not condemn you, you can love freely.

3. Sincere Faith

Hebrews 11:1; 6 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.... And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

- Sincere faith is not hypocritical

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- Hypocritical faith is all show but no heart

1 Corinthians 13:2 ...*If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.*

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- Parable of the Great Feast (Luke 14:15-24)

Excuse #1:

Luke 14:18 *But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must see it. Please excuse me.’*

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Excuse #2:

Luke 14:19 *Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’*

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Excuse #3:

Luke 14:20 *Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'*

- This kind of faith does no promote God's work or love deeply

3. Sincere Faith

- God wants his house full!
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Luke 14:21b *Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame....*

- He invites those not usually invited

Luke 14:23 *Then the master told his servant, ‘go out to the roads and country lanes, and make them come in, so that my house will be full.*

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.