



“Others”

1st Timothy
Chapter 1

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1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

2 To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer

4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work-- which is by faith.

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

6 Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk.

7 They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

8 We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.

9 We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers,

10 for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers-- and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

11 that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.

13 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.

14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.

16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

18 Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight,

19 holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.

20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

- It is inevitable that our Christian Faith is purged, developed by others. It can be our children, parent's, co-workers, church members, and other significant people in our lives.

Rom 8:28-29

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed** to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers

- **We find our cleansing, healing, restoration, renewal, and transformation in an increasing likeness of our being and doing to that of Christ's being and doing. Christ conforms us to himself through others.**

2 Cor 3:17-18

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, **are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.**

■ **Jesus confirms this**
Mark 12:30-31

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."(NIV)

- A better translation of this verse is:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. (Instead of second it is better translated) Another way to say the same thing is, “You shall love your neighbor.”

■ This bears out in the rest of Scripture.

The ten commandments the first four deal with loving God.

The last six deal with interpersonal issues with others.

Read 1st John. The whole thrust of this letter is that one's relationships with God is inseparably rooted in one's relationships with others.

■ Rom 13:9-10

9 The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: **"Love your neighbor as yourself."**

10 Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

■ Gal 5:13-18

13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

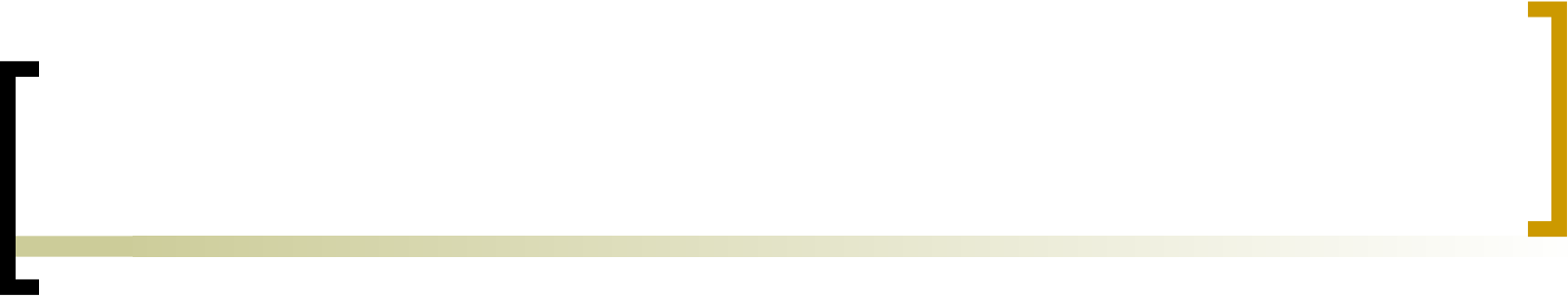
14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

15 If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

■ 16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

■ 17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

■ 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

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- **Big Point: You are not going to win in every relationship. Jesus had disciples walk away from him. Jesus had disciples desert him. You cannot control what others are going to do. You can only control your Christ like reaction. You are not always going to win.**

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- **Mark 4:21-25**

21 He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand?"

22 For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.

23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

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24 "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you-- and even more.

25 Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

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- **Conclusion**

God uses others to work in our lives.

We become Christ-like by the use of other.

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