

Dangerous Things Part 3

“The Danger of False Doctrine”

I Timothy 1:1-11

“God is God and I am not and I am committed to be a witness of Him in both word and deed.”

Introduction: Over the last couple of weeks we have looked at dangerous things.

A. We have made mention that the world is very dangerous to our person.

1. The world will follow the direction of Satan in that it seeks to seek and destroy those that believe in a Holy God through Christ.

➤ It is not something that is going to come it is something that we are living in this very day.

■ All around the globe believer's are being tortured and killed for their faith and America is not too far away.

B. In this country the **media** portrays religion as cold, intolerant, and oppressive.

1. Our **government** is manipulating Churches through tax laws and hate crime legislation.

- Forbidding public prayers in our schools

- Excluding the Bible from schools and the work place

- Refusing to allow public displays of the Ten Commandments or even a manger scene.

* Unborn children's lives are being taken without any thought

* Homosexual life style is not only accepted but encouraged

= And if a believer stands up to any of these politically correct policies then they are persecuted for hate crimes and accused of being mean and unloving.

- Treated as if we are persecutors and oppressors.
 - This morning I want to be warned of the dangers of False Doctrines!

Transition: This morning I have not here to debate the finer points of the doctrine that we believe but for us to be warned of the doctrines of this world that are dangerous to both the believer and the unbeliever.

- A. In verse 3 Paul tells Timothy I urge you, there was a sense of urgency about the direction that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines.
 - It is urgent that you come against these strange things and it was urgent because these false teaching were dangerous.
- B. There are two ways that Paul uses to describe these strange doctrines: Myths and Endless Genealogies.
 - 1. Let's look at these two strange doctrines:

I. **The Danger of Myths** verse 4

- A. The word myth is the Greek word "muthos" it is a tale or a fable and the story itself can have truth in it but it is told in such a way that it portrays a falsehood.
 - 1. When Satan came to Eve he said you shall not surely die!
 - Was it true that Eve would not fall over in the moment physically, yes but the truth is that when man sin against God he is dead spiritually and would die physically.
- B. Our world is being saturated with myths and fables.

1. We are being taught that there was “a time” when there was nothing then something happened and then there was something which is a true statement.
 - But the purpose of that statement is to eliminate God as creator of all things created.
2. The world is teaching that all religion should be embraced that if there is a God then he can be accessed by man which is true.
 - But what is left out of the fable is that man can only accessed a Holy God through Christ.
3. And even in pulpits today it is being taught that good things come to those who do the right things which left at that is a true statement.
 - But left out is that good things are not always in the form of materials things but for the believer good things come in the form of the peace and joy God brings to our lives as we live for Him.

Transition: Paul writes to Timothy (I Timothy 4:7) “have nothing to do with worldly fables”

- A. The danger of myths and fables is that they present themselves as truth but the motive is to distract us from the power of God.

= We do live in a dangerous world but the danger is not to our bodies but to our fellowship with a Holy God.

- B. Paul then mentions Endless Genealogies:

II. The Danger of Genealogies verse 4

- A. The word genealogy here speaks of tradition.
 1. Paul was warning Timothy of the danger of false teaching based on tradition rather than on the truths of God’s Word.

- I believe he was warning them that there are those that are teaching that we must do it this way because that is the way are fathers and their fathers did it.

= Now before I go any further I want to say that this passage is not teaching against tradition.

- What Paul is saying there is a great danger when the tradition is taught instead of the tradition teaching the truths of God!

B. Paul is saying that they are endless there are those that are taking God's Word and manipulating it to fit their own ideas and opinions.

= There is a great danger of depending on "the way that mom and dad did it" or the man's standard of what is right to guide and direct our lives.

Transition: Now in the last part of verse 4 we receive the warning of these two dangers:

1. They cause speculation and lack of faith: In other words it cause man to try to figure it out for himself.

- It presents the danger of man being in control to figure things out for himself instead of just taking God at His word!

- And walking in the faith and grace given to us through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

= Very quickly let me share with you the results of avoiding these dangers:

III. Over Coming the Dangers of False Doctrine verse 5

A. Instruction in Love

1. This is "agape" love and it is important to note that this type of love is God's love and it can only come from God.

- But when we look past the dangers of this world's doctrine to the doctrine of truth, God's Word, we find a love that goes beyond what we think we need and God gives what He knows we need according to His will and purpose:
God's loves reaches into the very depths of our lives His grace and mercy!

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B. A Pure Heart

1. Paul says the goal of their instruction (sound doctrine, truth) is from a pure heart.
- The truth purifies the heart, God's Word reveals truth that sets us free from the bondage of sin, it gives us true direction to walk in the statutes of God, and cleanse our lives to bring glory and honor to God (our purpose for existing).

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C. A Good Conscience

1. With instruction in true doctrine there is a knowing within ourselves.
 - I am convinced that with the true doctrine we do not have to guess where we stand with God, when we are convinced by the truth of God's Word He will eliminate doubt and worry and fill us with faith to believe and trust Him.

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D. A Sincere Faith

1. Paul is saying that with true instruction comes true faith the word sincere latterly means genuine.
 - Faith always emanates from the object of the faith and the dangerous thing about believe the world is that the world is:
 - First wrong
 - Second it can't keep its story straight it is continually changing because it doesn't have truth.

■ Truth cannot and will not change!

2. So then we avoid the dangers of false doctrines of the world by engulfing ourselves in the truth of God!

Transition: Now we come to the point of so what:

- A. We understand and realize that there are many dangers to the flesh in this world.
- B. We know that there is a terrible danger of false teaching that rips at our hearts and our faith.
 1. What is the answer, how do we survive in such a dangerous and perverse world.

HERE IS THE ANSWER: *15(A) It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that (B) Christ Jesus came into the world to (C) save sinners, among whom (D) I am foremost of all.*

16 Yet for this reason I (E) found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might (F) demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

17 Now to the (G) King eternal, (H) immortal, (I) invisible, the (J) only God, (K) be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. I Timothy 1:15-17

Closing: Church to safety from all danger is in Jesus.

- A. He is our protection, He is our provision, He is our propitiation, He is everything we need and all that we need.
 1. Let me close this series of messages on dangerous things with this invitation come and seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness then all things will be added to your life.

- Everything that we need to fulfill the purpose of our lives, regardless of the danger , is found in the person of Jesus Christ our Lord!