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Introduction:

I Timothy: **PROCLAIM THE TRUTH**
II Timothy: **PROTECT THE TRUTH**
Titus: **PRACTICE THE TRUTH**

I. PAUL'S RECOMMENDATION TO TIMOTHY (vs. 1-3)

A. Paul's Own Responsibility Before God (vs. 1)

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus"

"according to the commandment of God our Savior"

"and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope"

B. Paul's Relationship to Timothy (vs. 2)

"to Timothy, my true child in the faith" (I Corinthians 4:17; Philippians 2:19-20)

"Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."

C. Paul's Response to Timothy (vs. 3a)

"As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus..."

II. PAUL'S REFUSAL OF UNBIBLICAL TEACHING (vs. 3b-4)

A. Reject Strange Doctrines (vs. 3b)

"so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines"

B. Resist Silly Digressions (vs. 4a-b)

"nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies
which give rise to mere speculation rather than..."

Characteristics of false teachers:
1) delight in the desire for novelty
2) develop the intellect at the expense of the heart
3) dabble in argument instead of action
4) driven by arrogance rather than humility
5) dogmatic without knowledge

C. Require Sound Doctrine (vs. 4c)

"furthering the administration of God which is by faith"

III. PAUL'S REASONS FOR REFUSING UNBIBLICAL TEACHING (vs. 5-7)

A. The Proper Goal of Our Teaching (vs. 5)

"But the goal of our instruction is..."

"love from a pure heart"

"and a good conscience"

"and a sincere faith"

B. The Perverted Outcome of False Teaching (vs. 6-7)

"For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion..."

"wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions."

Conclusion: Revelation 2:1-7

Food for Thought:

- 1) In addressing a letter to a personal friend and ministry partner, why do you think Paul emphasized his authority?
- 2) To whom are you a "true child in the faith"? Who is such to you?
- 3) How does the temptation to go to "myths and mere speculation" play out in the church today?
- 4) Why is a good conscience a necessary prerequisite for true love? How does that relate to faith?