

The Church in The Last Days

the apostle Paul's first letter to Timothy / 1:1-11

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior
and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy my true son in the faith:
Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (1-2)

As I urged you ... _____ ... (3)

Why would the Lord urge us to "stay there" in these last days?

He urges us to "stay there" so that we can ...

1. Continue to advance God's _____.

a. By preventing doctrinal _____.

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, **stay there** in Ephesus so that you may *command certain people not to teach false doctrines* any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work – which is by faith. (3-4)

b. By promoting a healthy form of _____.

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

c. By preserving the correct use of the _____.

Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. *They want to be teachers of the law*, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. (6-7)

2. Continue to advance God's _____.

a. We know that the law is _____.

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

b. We know that the law conforms to the _____.

We also know that the 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, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers – and for whatever else is contrary to *the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel* ... (9-11a)

c. We know that sound doctrine concerns God's _____.

... concerning the glory of the blessed God, which He entrusted to me. (11a-b)

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in _____. (1 Corinthians 15:58e-f)

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