

Title: Guarding the Dangerous Gospel

Text: 1 Timothy 1:1–11

Big Idea

We are tempted to distort the gospel with human ideas, preferences, or performance but the gospel of Jesus Christ brings clarity, love, and spiritual health by confronting false teaching and anchoring us in God's truth.

Sermon Reflection

1. Guard the Gospel *Personally* (vv. 1–3)

- Paul's affection for Timothy shows that the gospel is passed on in people, not just paper.
- *Head:* What relationships has God used to pass the gospel to you?
- *Heart:* Who might God be calling you to disciple intentionally?

2. Guard the Gospel *Doctrinally* (vv. 3–7)

- Myths, speculations, and genealogies distract from God's mission.
- *Head:* How does Paul contrast "speculation" with "stewardship"?
- *Heart:* Where are you tempted to chase speculation rather than live in faith?

3. Guard the Gospel *Missionally* (vv. 8–11)

- The law is good—but only when it points us to Christ, not performance.
- *Head:* What is the lawful purpose of the law according to Paul?
- *Heart:* Where do you slip into performance-driven faith instead of resting in grace?

Takeaway Questions for the Week:

- Where do I need to guard the gospel in my own heart right now?
- How can I display love—flowing from a pure heart, good conscience, and sincere faith—this week?
- Who around me needs to hear that "Jesus is enough"?