**Practices that will Build up God’s Household**

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**1 Timothy 1:5-11 (ESV)**

1 Timothy 3:14-15

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, (15) if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

1 Timothy 1:5-11

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (6) Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, (7) desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. (8) Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, (9) understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, (10) the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, (11) in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

1. **We must embrace teachers whose aim is God’s work and who love us (verse 5,11)**

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1. **We must expel teachers who wander from God’s Word and who lord over us**

 **(verse 6-7)**

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1. **We must evaluate our belief system by God’s Word and not the world’s (verse 8-9)**

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**We all should be able to agree that a family, a church, or a nation will collapse when:**

* Children strike their parents

(v 9b) for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers,

* Citizens murder one another

(v 9c) for murderers,

* Sexual morals are dismissed

(v 10a) the sexually immoral

* Homosexuality is practiced

(vs 10 b) men who practice homosexuality

* Weaker people are enslaved

(vs 10c) enslavers

* Liars and perjurers abound

(vs 10d) liars, perjurers

(vs 10e and 11) and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, (11) in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted