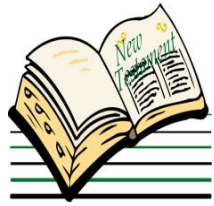


## Sermon Notes



Title: "Using the Ten Commandments Properly"

Text: 1 Timothy 1:3-11

Theme: God's Law - His Ten Commandments - are the expression of His perfect nature and character. As we ponder these precepts we see more of our God and the wonders of our Redeemer. Yet, we must be careful and not employ these laws in ways God did not intend. The Law indeed is good, if used lawfully.

I. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ for Timothy (3-7)

II. \_\_\_\_\_ Use of the Law (8-11)

### III. What You Should Expect from This Series on the Ten Commandments

- A. A heightened \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Law in your life
- B. An increased understanding of the various \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ within the Law of God
- C. A greater \_\_\_\_\_ of your own \_\_\_\_\_
- D. A greater sense of God's \_\_\_\_\_
- E. A greater \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Who was writing, and to whom was he writing (vv. 1-2)?
2. In what place was Timothy to remain (v. 3a)?
3. What two specific tasks was Timothy to do (vv. 3b-4a)?
4. What harmful result was the teaching in Ephesus producing? What is the result of proper teaching (v. 4b)?
5. What was the goal Paul was aiming for through his mission to Timothy (v. 5)?
6. What subject were certain teachers teaching at Ephesus? What was the inherent problem with their approach (v. 7)?
7. What is Paul's assessment of God's Law? What is the condition upon which his assessment is based (v. 8)?
8. For whom is God's Law (vv. 9-10)?
9. What people are inherently just (righteous)?
10. With what does the Law of God accord [i.e. agree] (v. 11a)?
11. Look at Paul's list of sins in verses 9 and 10. Do you see any pattern or scheme in his arrangement? If so, what?
12. Do you have an expectation of spiritual profit by examining the Ten Commandments? If so, what? If not, why not?
13. How do teachers in the Church misuse God's Law today?
14. If we are righteous in Christ, and Jesus kept the Law in our stead, should we continue to pay attention to God's Law?
15. What are some spiritual benefits that God's Law performs?
16. How do we know that distinctions and various uses can be gleaned from God's Law?
17. Why is it important to have a proper sense of your own sin? How can the Ten Commandments do this in your life?
18. What do the Ten Commandments tell you about God?
19. What huge mistake is often made by people when they learn about God's Ten Commandments?
20. How can learning more about the Ten Commandments increase your love and devotion to Christ?