

## 1 Timothy 1:3-7

3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, 4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. 5 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.

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### Introduction

Paul asks Timothy to be focused on the pure doctrine of scripture.

The Bible is not written to teach history, rules or a way of life. It is about Jesus and His story in relation to us. The old and new testaments tell how God came to restore the mess we have gotten ourselves into.

This focus on doctrine should produce love from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith.

We must understand how depraved we are to realise how much we have been forgiven. This forgiveness then overflows in our relationships with others.

This changed life is a result of correct doctrine, which is a proper understanding of who God is, how He sees us and how He wants us to respond.

### Discussion

- >>Do you find it hard to read the bible?
- >>What is the bible about?
- >>What enables a person to understand the bible better?

### Explanation

- >>How does correct doctrine lead to love?
- >>How does a correct understanding of God's love change how we relate to other people?
- >>How does a love for God's Word change our attitude towards difficulties in our walk?

### Application

- >>How can we read the bible more passionately?
- >>How can we serve foreigners better? How can we serve our host nation better?
- >>What does the story of God's love spur you on to do?