

# Blueprint: God's Design for the Church

## **"Follow and Fight"**

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### **1 Timothy 1:18**

Timothy, my son, follow the prophecies once made about you so that you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience.

#### **1) The Command**

##### **(1 Timothy 1:3-4)**

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work – which is by faith.

**What false teachings have you witnessed in the church during your life time?**

#### **2) The Goal**

##### **(1 Timothy 1:5-7)**

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what so they confidently affirm.

**-Where does this love come from?**

- Pure Heart
- Good Conscience
- Sincere Faith

### **3) The Testimony**

#### **(1 Timothy 1:12-14)**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. Even though I once was a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord Jesus was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**-What did you used to be?**

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### **4) The Reason**

#### **(1 Timothy 1:18-19)**

Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience.

**-What reasons would you offer?**