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*The (OT) Law and the Gospel go together, for the Law without the Gospel is the diagnosis without the remedy, but the Gospel without Law is only the Good News of salvation for people who don't believe they need it... because they have never heard the bad news of judgment. The Law is not the Gospel, but the Gospel is not lawless (Rom 3:20-31).*

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**Likely because he was giving Timothy a tough assignment (3-4). Gives Paul's authority.**

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**Stay in Ephesus, command (charge) certain men to stop teaching false doctrines...**

Why was this assignment so particularly difficult? Acts 20:28-30; 4:12; IITim.1:7

**Because these false teachers were Elders in the church! And Timothy was timid!**

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**Myths and genealogies based on the OT Law. Generally based salvation on family tree.**

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**They promoted controversies rather than God's work, which is by faith. Works vs. faith.**

What is it about 'legalism', law-keeping, that's attractive to us? 1:5-7 see Is.29:13-14

**It allows us to give the outward appearance of righteousness, which only comes by faith.**

### The proper use of the Law...1:8-11

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**It was the totally erroneous use of the Law. Being used for the saved to keep saved.**

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**Lawbreakers, rebels, ungodly, unholy, irreligious, murderers, adulterers, homosexuals.**

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**The law cannot save, it only condemns/points to our desperate need of Christ by faith.**

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