Embrace Holy Living



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1 Timothy 1:1-11RG AUDIO 091312

There is a game that is played at social gatherings which involves each person saying three statements about themselves; two true and one false. In turn, the rest of the group must guess which of the three statements is false.

In Paul's letter to Timothy, he begins by warning him about false teachers. During this time, the church at Ephesus had heretical teachers among their people. These were people who taught false doctrine, caused divisiveness, sought high position, and basically didn't know what they were speaking about. Paul charges Timothy to correct these teachers and set them on the right course of God's truth. However, his correction should be done through godly love.

What are the keys to avoiding and correcting false teaching today? First we must keep a pure heart. Second, we must keep a clear conscience. Third, we must keep a sincere faith. These three things working together in Christlike love will help us speak and live out God's truth, as well as not falling into the trap of believing false teachers.