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Living

# RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Timothy 1:1-11

Life has no greater purpose than to know God and to make Him known. God is love and Jesus is the very expression of that love. Jesus is the model: the "pioneer and perfecter" of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). As disciples of Jesus, our purpose in life is to become more and more like Him.

The apostle Paul instructed his protégé Timothy to oppose false teachers in the church. The manner in which Timothy was to combat false teachings and controversies did not come from a heart filled with hatred. Rather, Christlike love pours from the fountain of a pure heart obedient to God and full of faith resting in the glory of God.

Whenever we encounter false teaching and sinners who vehemently oppose us, our reaction should not be to hate them. No, these times are opportunities to remember that we too were once the worst of sinners, and God conquered our hatred with His love. The unsaved do not know better, but we know Christ and the power of His resurrection. Let us then hold onto our faith and speak with love.

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