

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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On Guard! Protecting My Relationship With God #1

"How Deep Are My Roots Of Commitment?"

1 Timothy 1:1-11

Three Commitments: _____

Three tools to stay "On Guard!"

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Accurate Beliefs:

1. _____

1 Timothy 1:1-4 (NIV) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,² To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. Warning Against False Teachers of the Law³ 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 longer⁴ nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work—which is by faith.

John 8:44 (NLT) He was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

2. _____

1 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Authentic love comes from:

• A Pure Heart - _____

• A Good Conscience - _____

Acts 24:16 (NIV) So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

• A Sincere Faith - _____

Romans 5:8 (NIV) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

3. _____

1 Timothy 1:6-11 (NIV)⁶ Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk.⁷ They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

⁸ We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.⁹ We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers,¹⁰ for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine¹¹ that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

"A virtuous man may be ignorant, but ignorance is not a virtue. It would be a strange God who could be loved better by being known less. Love of God is not the same thing as knowledge of God; love of God is immeasurably more important than knowledge of God; but if a man loves God knowing a little about Him, he should love God more from knowing more about Him: for every new thing known about God is a new reason for loving Him." Frank Sheed

What we understand and believe about God is _____!

June memory verse: 1 Timothy 6:6-7 (NIV)⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.