

# What Is the Law Good For?

## Lesson #1 – The Law is good IF...

### A. Misuse of the Law is dangerous (1 Timothy 1:3-4)

<sup>3</sup>As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—

remain in Ephesus that you may charge

some that they teach no other doctrine,

<sup>4</sup>nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies,

which cause disputes rather than

godly edification which is in faith.

### B. The purpose of the Law is love (1 Timothy 1:5-7)

<sup>5</sup>Now the purpose of the commandment is love

from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience,

and *from* sincere faith,

<sup>6</sup>from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to

idle talk, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding

neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

## C. The Law is good IF... (1 Timothy 1:8-11)

<sup>8</sup> But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully,

<sup>9</sup> knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person,

but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for

sinner, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers

and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, <sup>10</sup> for fornicators,

for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if

there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,

<sup>11</sup> according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which

was committed to my trust.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Which verse stood out to you tonight?  
Why?
2. What questions about the Law do you wonder about?
3. How does the law help us communicate the offer of the gospel?