

**1 Timothy 1:1-7, 6:21-22 – A church in danger**

How is it that people who once knew the goodness of the gospel could move away from it?

**The problem**

Acts 20:29 ... savage wolves will come in among them and they will not spare the flock. ... even people from their own number will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

... that warning was now a reality.

.... those who devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies and whose speech that follows is simply speculation.

1 Timothy 6:21-22. *“Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from Godless chatter and the opposing ideas that are sometimes called knowledge, which some have professed and in doing so have departed from the faith”*

**The real result of the false teaching**

... verse 4. “Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God’s work – which is by faith”.

Did they listen?

Rev 2:4, “Yet this I hold against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first”.

**The goal of the command to stop false teaching?**

... the goal of commanding false teachers to stop their teaching ...is love.

**For us today**

a) It reminds us of a real danger

What teaching do you pursue and what agendas consume your time that actually stop you from living out the gospel and speaking out the gospel?

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**b) Refocus on the gospel.**

**c) Refocus on gospel living.**