

June 8, 2016
“Road Signs of Life”
1 Timothy 1: 3-16
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- A. **Warning: Slippery Surface Ahead** *“not to teach different doctrine”* (3)
- B. **Warning: Avoid Detour** *“Or to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies. These promote empty speculations rather than God’s plan, which operates by faith.”* (4) On certain matters, it’s not worth our time to argue. Instead we need to uphold *“love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith”* (5) (1 Tim. 6:3-6). *“Some have deviated from these and turned aside to fruitless discussion. They want to be teachers of the law, although they don’t understand what they are saying or what they are insisting on.”* (6-7)
- C. **Stop Immorality** *“But we know that the law is good, provided one uses it legitimately. We know that the law is not meant for a righteous person, but for the lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinful, for the unholy and irreverent, for those who kill their fathers and mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral and homosexuals, for kidnappers, liars, perjurers and for whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching based on the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was entrusted to me.”* (8-11)
- D. **Resume Speed** *“I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry.”* (12)
1. Capable – *“strengthened”* – Paul realized that anything he did was only through the power of Christ (1 Cor. 10:31; 2 Cor. 3:5, 9:8; Phil. 4:13).
 2. Counted – *“considered me faithful”* – God is the only true judge of our faithfulness.
 3. Called – *“appointed me to the ministry”* – We are all called to full-time service, but some Christians also have a vocational calling. Paul was thankful for that special calling and viewed it as an honor.

E. Yield to the Savior *“And the grace of our Lord overflowed, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – and I am the worst of them.”* (14-15)

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