

A man with short dark hair and a goatee, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, stands with his eyes closed and hands clasped in a prayerful gesture over his chest. The background is a plain, light gray.

How To Respond To False Teachers

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Introduction

- **What warning did the apostle Paul give in Acts 20:29-31?**
- **To whom was it given? Why did he give the warning to this group of people?**
- **How do false teachers obtain a following?**
- **Why do false teachers obtain a following according to 2 Timothy 4:3? Can you think of another reason?**

False Teachers' Treachery

1 Timothy 1:3-4

- **What problem exists in the church in the city of Ephesus?**
- **What three things did the false teachers teach?**
- **How should we understand the terms “strange doctrines, “myths,” and genealogies?**
- **Have you heard someone teaching such things?**

False Teachers' Goal

1 Timothy 1:5-6

- **What did Paul mean that the goal of his teaching was love?**
(hint it does not mean that he was challenging people to love others)

- **What was the goal of the false teachers?**

False Teachers' Desire

1 Timothy 1:7a

- **What was the desire of the false teachers?**

- **When is such a desire dangerous?**

False Teachers' Are Biblically Uneducated

1 Timothy 1:7b-11

- **What is the problem with false teachers according to verses 7b-11?**
- **Can you name one way in which this problem usually occurs in some of our churches today?**
- **What was the error of these false teachers (v. 9-11)?**

The Conclusion

- **What are the four characteristics of false teachers?**

- **What three things should you do if you discover a false teacher?**