

Strike!

“ Guiding Principles for Becoming a Beautiful Church - Part 3 ”

1. Keep Your Witness in Check v. 16

2. Don't Let Sin Go Unchecked vv. 17-20



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16. What priority did Paul highlight when it came to the Ephesian church becoming beautiful?
- How does this relate to Point #1? In what way can an ingrown church lose sight of this truth? Give an example.
- How would you rate PCC's witness for Jesus? Why? What can you do to improve it and step into Point #1?

Point #2

- Read 1 Timothy 1:17-20. Why did Paul call out the troublemakers by name in the Ephesian church?
- What does "handed over to Satan" mean? How does this relate to Point #2? How does Paul's approach make you feel?
- In what way does this adjust your current view and role of church leaders? How can you also participate in Point #2?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16, Matthew 5:13-16

- In what way was Paul reminding Timothy how a beautiful church is also a beautiful witness for Jesus?
- Why is this important to always remember? What can happen to a church that gets "ingrown"?
- How did Jesus highlight this? What distinction does this make between knowing the truth and living the truth?

TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16, Ephesians 4:3, 26b-27, 29

- What were some ways the Ephesian church was harming their witness for Jesus? (i.e., conversation, division, etc.)
- How have you seen this same type of church dynamics go unchecked in churches today? Give an example.
- How would you rate PCC's witness for Jesus? What can you do to improve it? Be specific.

WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:17-19a, 4:14, 6:12, 2 Timothy 1:6, Ephesians 6:10-12

- What type of warfare was Paul referring to in his charge to Timothy? How did he also remind the church? (Eph. 6:12)
- Knowing Timothy's challenges ahead, how did Paul encourage him in his calling? (i.e., prophecies)
- In what way is everyone called into ministry at their church? Give an example. How does this encourage you?

THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:19b-20, 2 Timothy 2:17-18, 23-26

- In what way did Paul not only highlight the problem in the Ephesian church, but also call out those behind it?
- What balance was in play between the protection of the church and redemption of those causing the problems?
- How does this make you feel? As you self-reflect on this truth, how does God want your perspective to adjust?

FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:19b-20, Titus 3:10, Matthew 18:15-17, 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

- Why was Paul so specific with Timothy in naming the troublemakers in the Ephesian church?
- What does "handed over to Satan" mean? What does this highlight about the responsibility of church leaders today?
- In what ways does this adjust your current view and responsibility of PCC's leadership? Be specific.

SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:1-20

- As you review the scripture we've been studying the past three weeks, what point challenges you the most? Why?
- What point encourages you the most? Why? As you pray about this, where do you feel you need the most growth?
- What steps will you take to help PCC become a more beautiful church in 2025? Be specific.

MEDITATION VERSE: *¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost (sinner), Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 1 Timothy 1:16*