

## Healthy Church

*1 Timothy 1:1-11*

### Purpose

1 and 2 Timothy are about church health and fitness!

### Author

1 and 2 Timothy were written by the Apostle Paul to his young protégé Timothy.

### Recipient(s)

The letter was written actually both to Timothy and the church of Ephesus

Healthy churches protect the integrity of their doctrine and make sure the doctrine is integrated into the life of the people:

A healthy church is concerned with both orthodoxy and orthopraxy.

## **1. Healthy churches promote sound doctrine (3-4)**

- a. Don't tolerate false teaching or false teachers
- b. Don't get bogged down in obscurity, advance God's work

## **2. Sound doctrine works its way out in love (5)**

- a. Love is the cardinal virtue of the scriptures

## **3. Healthy churches understand the purpose of the law (6-11)**

- a. The law does not save us, but shows us our need for a savior

### **For Further Study and Reflection**

*Hearers and Doers* by Kevin Vanhoozer

*The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert E. Coleman

*Gay Girl, Good God* by Jackie Hill Perry