

# The Goal Of Our Instruction

1 TIMOTHY 1:3-11

## Why do some study the Bible?

### 1. To entertain and be entertained?

- What is our mindset? Philippians 3:19; 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3
- Need for sober mindedness – 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8

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### 2. To satisfy academic, philosophical & intellectual appetites?

- Just looking to hear something new ... Acts 17:16-21
- Are we ashamed at the simplicity of the gospel? 2 Corinthians 11:3
- Just the facts ... or something to save souls and transform lives? Romans 1:16; 12:2

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### 3. To justify self?

- To prove what we want to believe and avoid repentance – Luke 16:15; John 5:39
- Keep our study and teaching to superficial matters – Jeremiah 6:14
- Can't be to tell or hear only what we want – 2 Timothy 4:1-3; 1 Kings 22:8

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### Love From A Pure Heart

- Reciprocate God's love – 1 John 4:7-11
- The foremost command – Mark 12:29-31
- Manifested in obedience – John 14:21
- Uncompromised – 1 John 2:15-17

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### A Good Conscience

- Goal to activate man's conscience – Isaiah 6:5
- Need to pierce men's hearts – Acts 2:37
- Then how to cleanse the defiled conscience – 1 Peter 3:21
- Only as good as the training they receive – Acts 23:1; Ephesians 4:19; 1 Timothy 4:2

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### **A Sincere Faith**

- Danger of hypocrisy – Matthew 6:1-5; 23:23-26
- Don't just play the part – Romans 6:17; Ephesians 6:6
- How faith comes and grows – Romans 10:17; Luke 17:5-10

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To make each one of us *“complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”* (**2 Timothy 3:16**; NKJV) and ...

To impart the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to save the souls of men!

**Romans 1:16**