Keeping The Main Thing The Main Thing 1 Timothy 1:1-11

There are Times when it's Easy to Forget WHY we do WHAT we do in life.

If we're Not Careful Our <u>Faith</u> can <u>Turn</u> into something it was <u>Never Intended</u> to be. (1 Timothy 1:1-4)

Today, Paul shares What's REALLY <u>Important</u> along with the <u>Source</u> from where it should all <u>Flow</u> (1 Timothy 1:5-11)

1. WHAT IS THE MAIN THING?

- Paul tells us the issue of <u>LOVE</u> is the <u>Fitting</u> & <u>Expected</u> <u>LIFESTYLE</u> of anyone who calls themselves a <u>Christian</u>.
- <u>REAL</u> LOVE is <u>Doing</u> what is <u>Spiritually Best for <u>OTHERS</u>.
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- We <u>CHOOSE</u> to Love Others because we have <u>Experienced</u> Unconditional Love from God. (Romans 5:8)
- The LOVE God gives to US we can give to OTHERS. (1 John 4:7-8)

2. A PURE HEART

- Pharisees looked good on the <u>Outside</u> but were a hot mess on the <u>Inside</u>. (Matt 23:26)
- How do YOU Look on the INSIDE?
- A Christian's <u>PURE</u> HEART is moved only by LOVE of <u>Truth</u> & LOVE for <u>People</u>.
- Sometimes WE get "OFF TRACK." (Psalm 51:10)

3. A GOOD CONSCIENCE.

- Our <u>Conscience</u> is the <u>Sense</u> which <u>Prompts</u> us to <u>DO</u> what we think is <u>Right</u> and <u>Criticizes</u> us when we <u>DO</u> what our minds think is <u>Wrong</u>.
- A <u>Blameless</u> conscience is one that <u>Doesn't Insult</u> God or man...
- A <u>Good</u> conscience is <u>Cleansed</u> by the blood of Jesus Christ, <u>Programmed</u> by the Holy Spirit & <u>Guided</u> by the Word of God. (Hebrews 9:14)

4. A <u>SINCERE</u> FAITH.

- A Sincere Faith is literally a faith WITHOUT Hypocrisy...
- Sincere Faith draws other people Nearer to Jesus.
- If WE are going to **Reveal <u>REAL LOVE</u>**...we must <u>**TRUST**</u> God enough to **LOVE** as He <u>**Commands**</u> us to do! (John 13:34)
- The Whole Attitude of a Christian should be Grounded in LOVE.