

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: March 24, 2024
1 Timothy 1:8-11

1. What does this text say about the law?
 - a. It is bad, that is why Jesus did away with it (see also Matt 5:17-19)
 - b. It is good, if one uses it properly.
 - c. It is for the righteous.
 - d. It is for lawbreakers and rebels, etc.

2. What does it mean to use the law properly?
 - a. To use it as a weapon against people that have made a decision to follow Christ.
 - b. To use it as a checklist of righteousness so we can feel good about each evil thing we remove from our lives.
 - c. To help us realize how far we have strayed from God's plan when we might otherwise have believed that we were ok because our lives were similar to some of the best people we know and we aren't as bad as many people around us.
 - d. To use it as a guide when we are far from God to show us back to Him.

3. Why is the law not made for the righteous?
 - a. Because the righteous don't have to follow the law anymore because they are under grace.
 - b. Because the law is written on their hearts, so the law is fulfilled in them (see Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 8:10 & 10:16).
 - c. Because when we are filled with the Spirit of God, it becomes our nature to do what is right even when we didn't know there was a law requiring it (Romans 2:14-15).
 - d. Other. _____

4. Have you experienced such a close walk with Christ that he convicts, comforts, and guides you?
Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

If so, how do you use the law or the scriptures now? _____

5. What does Paul say about the things listed in verses 9 & 10?
 - a. They are ok.
 - b. They are contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God.

6. Why might we still need to know the law (or commands and teachings of scripture), if we are righteous and not a lawbreaker?
 - a. Maybe we don't...
 - b. So we can return to a checklist-oriented lifestyle.
 - c. So we have something to use to hit people over the head with the Bible and straighten them out.
 - d. I don't know, doesn't Paul say somewhere else that we should judge those who claim to be brothers and not those outside the church?
 - e. Because when we go down these paths, we tend to become so callous because we justify ourselves for so long that we lose track of God's conviction and need to be shown right from wrong again. It is good to have a measuring stick to continue to remind us of God's will for our lives.

7. Which group do you find yourself in? _____