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Being Sincere

.....

- Without Hypocrisy, Being True, Genuine, Honest -

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A Common Explanation.....

Latin "sine" means "without", and
Middle Latin "cera" means "wax"

“Sculptors during the days of the Roman Empire, when making a mistake and causing a crack, fissure, or chip in the sculpture, would often fill the marred surface with wax, thus giving the impression of perfection. No one would notice the imperfection until sun shone on the statue, causing the wax to melt and run.”

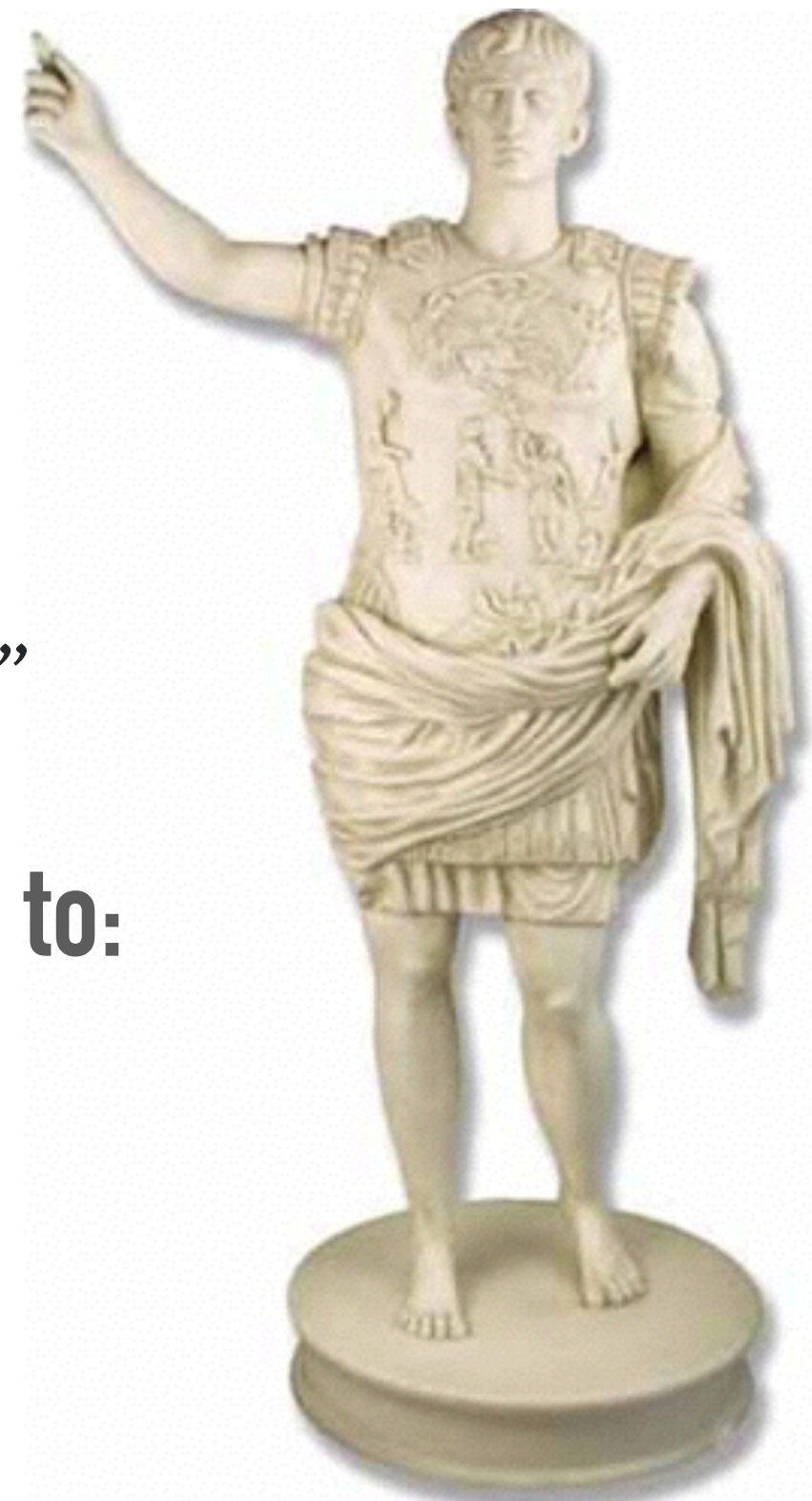


Illustration also applied to:

Marble columns ...

Pottery ...

Foundations ...





ONLINE ETYMOLOGY DICTIONARY

sincere (adj.)

1530s, "pure, unmixed," from Middle French *sincere* (16c.), from Latin *sincerus*, of things, "whole, clean, pure, uninjured, unmixed," figuratively "sound, genuine, pure, true, candid, truthful," of uncertain origin. The ground sense seems to be "that which is not falsified." Meaning "free from pretense or falsehood" in English is from 1530s.

There has been a temptation to see the first element as Latin *sine* "without." But there is no etymological justification for the common story that the word means "without wax" (**sin cerae*), which is dismissed out of hand by OED and others, and the stories invented to justify that folk etymology are even less plausible. Watkins has it as originally "of one growth" (i.e. "not hybrid, unmixed"), from PIE **sm-ke-ro-*, from **sem-* "one" (see **same**) + root of *crescere* "to grow" (see **crescent**). De Vaan finds plausible a source in a lost adjective **caerus* "whole, intact," from a PIE root meaning "whole."

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THE INSUFFICIENCY OF SINCERITY WITHOUT THE TRUTH ...



- ✦ **In the natural realm?** – Medicine?
Physics? Law? Education? etc.
- ✦ **In the spiritual realm?**
 - Naaman – 1 Kings 5
 - The young prophet – 1 Kings 13:11–25
 - David & Uzzah – 1 Chro 13,15
 - Paul – Acts 26:9–11; (cf Jn 16:2)

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“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone **did what was right in his own eyes.**” (Jud 21:25).

“There is a way which **seems right** to a man but its end is the way of **death**” (Pr. 14:12; 16:25)

“I know, O LORD, that a man's way is **not in himself,**
Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps. ...”
(Jer 10:23)

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Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does** the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, **have we not** prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, **you who practice lawlessness!**’

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Matthew 15:13-14 (NKJV)

¹³ But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, **both will fall into a ditch.**”

Philippians 1:10–18 (NKJV)

¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. ¹² But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

Philippians 1:10–18 (NKJV)

¹³ so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; ¹⁴ and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill:

Philippians 1:10–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; ¹⁷ but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁸ What then? Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

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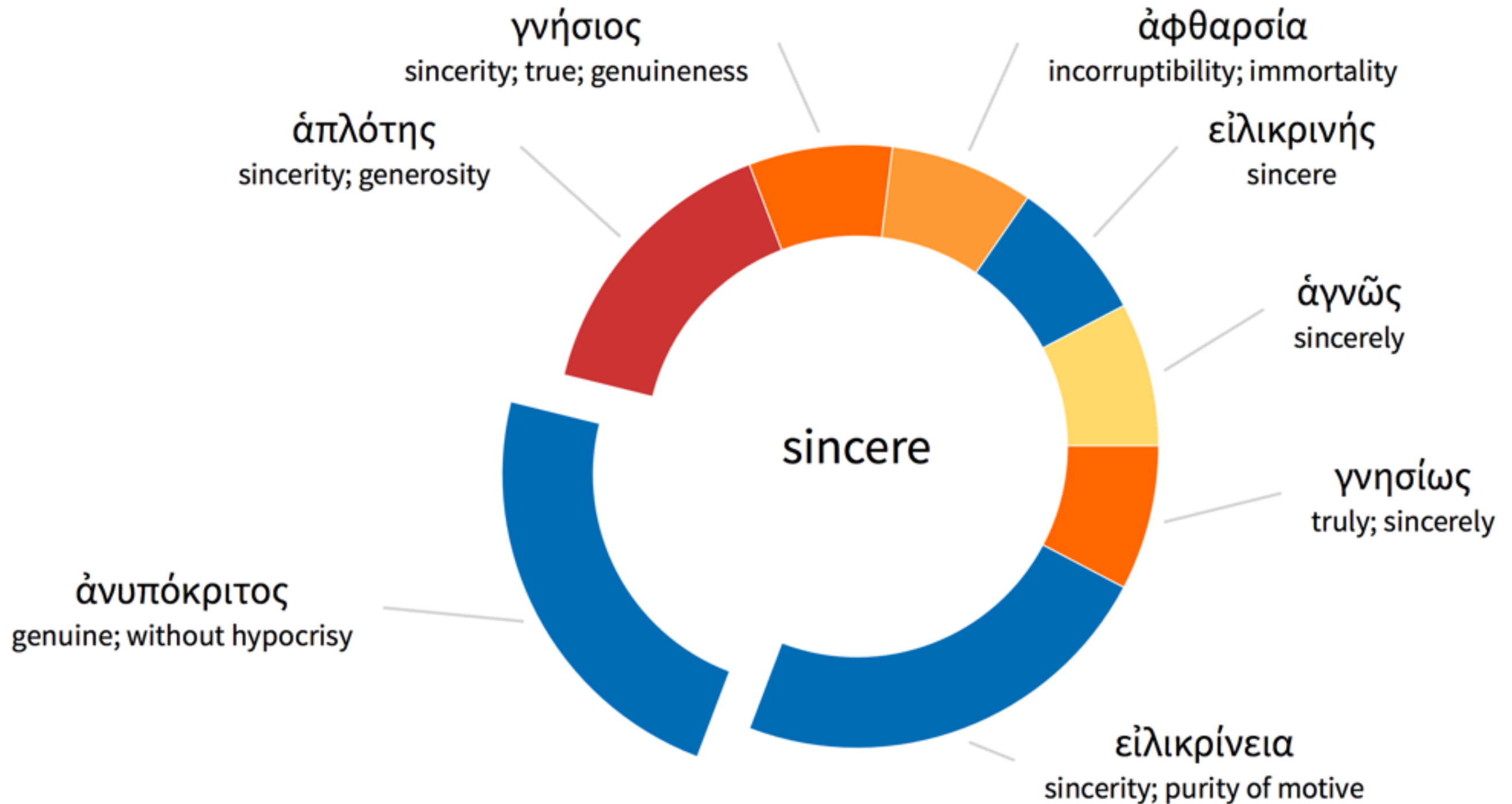
IN OUR TEXT ...



- ✦ **Godly Sincerity** – Is genuine motivation based upon truth. – Phil 1:10
- ✦ **Godly Sincerity** – refers to our actual state of being before God – Phil 1:10
- ✦ **Godly Sincerity** – produces works of righteousness – Phil 1:11
 - Observed by others – Phil 1:12,13
 - Strengthens others – Phil 1:14
 - Propagates the gospel – Phil 1:15–18

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Eight different Greek words translated “SINCERE”



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Romans 12:9 (NKJV)

⁹ Let love be **without hypocrisy**. Abhor
what is evil. Cling to what is good.

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2 Corinthians 6:6 (NKJV)
⁶ by purity, by knowledge, by
longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy
Spirit, by **sincere** love,

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1 Peter 1:22 (NKJV)

²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in **sincere** love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

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1 Timothy 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Now the purpose of the commandment
is love from a pure heart, from a good
conscience, and from **sincere** faith,

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James 3:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and **without hypocrisy**.

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sincerity; true; genu
ἀπλότης
sincerity; generosity

2 Corinthians 1:12 (NKJV)

¹² For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in **simplicity** and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.

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2 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)

³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the **simplicity** that is in Christ.

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- ✦ **Love that is NOT from God is NOT sincere (genuine) LOVE** – (1 Cor 5)
- ✦ **Faith that is NOT from God is NOT sincere, (genuine) FAITH!** – (1 Kings 13:11-25; Acts 26:9-11)
- ✦ **A divided heart is NOT a SINCERE heart!** – (Mat 6:19-24)

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ARE WE SINCERE?



- ✦ **Without Hypocrisy?**
- ✦ **Genuine in Faith & Love?**
- ✦ **REALLY Honest with others? With God? With ourselves?**

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*Pride will prevent us from hearing
& receiving the truth (many false
teachings & practices are held
because of pride, disguised as
humility & seeking for the truth!) -
(Mat 13:15)*

*Humility - genuine sincerity -
honesty - will seek & accept the
truth regardless of the consequences.
(Luke 8:14; James 1:21;)*

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✦ **How do we respond to the truth?**

➤ Naaman - 1 Kings 5

➤ Samaritans - Act 8:5-13

➤ 12 In Ephesus - Acts 19:1-5

➤ Paul - Acts 22:16

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✦ **How do we respond to the truth ...**

- When it differs from our current understanding?
- When it exposes a sin in our life we enjoy?
- When it will result in unpleasant consequences?

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ROMANS 6:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? ¹⁷ But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

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1 Timothy 1:1–10 (NKJV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, ² To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. ³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, ⁴ nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

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⁵ Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, ⁶ from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. ⁸ But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully,

1 Timothy 1:1–10 (NKJV)

⁹ knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰ for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,