

The Goal Of Our Instruction

Introduction:

- A. There are numerous kinds of teachers and all kinds of things that can be taught.
- B. Different teachers have different goals, many of which should not mark the Christian.
- C. The Scriptures tell us what our goals in instruction ought to be.
- D. One such example is Paul's instruction to Timothy in *1 Timothy 1:5*.

I. The goal of our instruction is _____.

- A. What our goal is not.
- B. What our goal is, as modeled by God (*Romans 5:6-8*).
 - 1. We are to love **God**, who first loved us.
 - 2. We are to love the **truth**.
 - 3. We are to love our **brethren**.
 - 4. We are even to love our **enemies**.

II. The goal of our instruction is love that issues from a _____.

- A. Our goal involves not just outside action, but also inner motivation and thought.
- B. We fall short of that requirement by ourselves (*Proverbs 20:9*).
 - 1. Which leads us to the whole reason that Jesus died for us (*Hebrews 10:19-22*).
 - 2. Now, the responsibility of the child of God is to **maintain** purity of heart.
- C. *2 Timothy 2:20-25* demonstrates such purity in action.

III. The goal of our instruction is love that issues from a _____.

- A. It begins with our obedience to the gospel (*1 Peter 3:18-22*).
- B. Consider the example of Paul (*Acts 23:1*).
- C. What about you?

IV. The goal of our instruction is love that issues from a _____.

- A. A faith characterized by the elements of *James 3:17*.
- B. "Sincere" means "**undisguised**."
 - 1. It is the sincere and undisguised faith of *1 Peter 2:11-12*.
 - 2. It is the faith of a living sacrifice (*Romans 12:1-2*).

Conclusion:

- A. *1 Timothy 1:5*
- B. Whomever you are, we simply want you to have this love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith.