



1 Timothy

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1 Timothy Chapter One (NLT)

Greetings from Paul

¹ This letter is from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, appointed by the command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus, who gives us hope.² I am writing to Timothy, my true son in the faith. May **God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.**

Warnings against False Teachings

³ When I left for Macedonia, I urged you to stay there in Ephesus and stop those whose teaching is contrary to the truth. ⁴ Don't let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations which don't help people live a life of faith in God.

⁵ The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. ⁶ But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions. ⁷ They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they speak so confidently.

⁸ We know that the law is good when used correctly. ⁹ For the law was not intended for people who do what is right. It is for people who are lawless and rebellious, who are ungodly and sinful, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy, who kill their father or mother or commit other murders. ¹⁰ The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching ¹¹ that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God.

Paul's Gratitude for God's Mercy

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, ¹³ even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. ¹⁶ But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners.

Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

Timothy's Responsibility

¹⁸ Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles. ¹⁹ Cling to your faith in Christ and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked. ²⁰ Hymenaeus and Alexander are two examples. I threw them out and handed them over to Satan so they might learn not to blaspheme God.



Outline – Chapter One #1 – ESV Bible Version

- Paul an Apostle by the command of God
- Letter was written to Timothy
 - A true child of the faith
 - Mercy, Grace and Peace to him from Paul
- Paul urges Timothy to stay in Ephesus
 - He tells him to warn the churches against those teaching false doctrines
 - Warning him against the myths and genealogies being taught
- Main Points
 - Love one another with a pure heart
 - Have a good conscience
 - Use sincere faith
 - Some people swerve away from these characteristics
 - They wandered away from Gods ways
 - They were teaching things they didn't even understand
- The Law is good if used lawfully
 - The Law is not for the just, but the unjust
 - For the Lawless are:
 - Disobedient
 - Ungodly
 - Sinners
 - Unholy and profane
 - Strikers of mothers and fathers
 - Sexually immoral
 - Homosexuality
 - Enslavers
 - Liars
 - Anything else contrary to sound doctrine

- Christ Jesus came to save sinners
 - Paul thanks Jesus, God, for his salvation
 - God judged him faithful
 - God appointed him to His service
 - Paul formerly a:
 - Blasphemer
 - Persecutor
 - Insolent opponent
- Paul received mercy
 - He did his horrible acts in ignorance and unbelief
 - God's grace overflowed to him in love and faith
- Jesus came to save sinners
 - Paul was a foremost sinner
 - He received mercy and patience from God
 - Patience from Jesus Christ shows:
 - Jesus is the example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life
- To the King of all ages
 - Immortal
 - Invisible
 - Only God
 - Honor and Glory forever and ever
- Charges entrusted to Timothy
 - He had been prophesied over about his ministry at a younger age
 - By remembering these prophesies, he:
 - Waged a good fight
 - Held on to his faith
 - Had a good conscience from God
 - Rejected any truths that would cause him to shipwreck



Outline – David Guzik Commentary

Chapter 1:1-14 (pages 7-14)

- Paul an Apostle of Jesus Christ
 - Commanded by God to the ministry
 - Authority given to him by God
 - Paul encourages Timothy to stay in Ephesus
 - Paul write this book to Timothy after being in Roman prison
 - It was written while he was in Macedonia
 - After Paul’s release he returns to Ephesus
 - When Paul leaves, he puts Timothy in charge of the churches
 - During Paul’s absence, Ephesus becomes a center of false teaching
 - Paul deals with the false teachers personally
 - Soon leaves for Macedonia
 - Timothy is Paul’s personal representative
 - Timothy finds all the problems hard to deal with
 - Paul hoped this letter would encourage him to stay in Ephesus and carry on a much-needed ministry
- Savior had a different meaning in the Roman Empire
 - People called Caesar Nero Savior
 - Paul makes it very clear, Savior is God, Lord Jesus Christ ONLY!
- Timothy considered a true son of the faith to Paul
 - Paul admonishes these traits for Timothy:
 - Grace
 - Mercy
 - Peace
 - All of these come from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ

- Timothy came from Lystra
 - He had a Greek Father
 - His mother Eunice was Jewish
 - His mother taught him scriptures from his youth
 - Paul probably led Timothy and his mother to Jesus early on
 - Paul has much to share about his feelings toward Timothy
 - He had much confidence in him
 - He believed he was a man of integrity
 - He was faithful
 - He was a man that was truthful and trustworthy
- Paul urges – encourages Timothy to stay in Ephesus
 - Paul tells Timothy to stay in the word
 - He warns the people to teach NO OTHER doctrine!
 - He warned against giving heed to fables and genealogies
 - These things cause disputes NOT faith
 - It seemed Timothy wanted to give up and run
 - Everyone in the ministry has felt this way at one time or another
- Many reasons Timothy may have wanted to leave Ephesus
 - He missed Paul (He was probably in his late 20's or early 30's, while Paul was probably in his 50's or 60's)
 - Possibly intimidated to “following” after Paul's ministry
 - Somewhat reserved or timid
 - Intimidated by ministry difficulties
 - Possibly questioned his own calling
- Frustrated by the distracting and competing doctrines
 - Paul gives Timothy six reasons why he should stay in Ephesus
 - They needed the truth
 - It was a hard place to minister
 - God uses unworthy people
 - We serve a great God
 - You are in battle and can't surrender
 - Can't leave because everyone else does
 - God will allow us to be in difficult situations
 - Set our minds to the challenge
 - Don't give up!

- Paul's instructions to Timothy
 - Make sure correct doctrine is taught
 - Paul left Ephesian Christians with a particular set of teachings
 - Doctrine is important to God
- Paul has some concerns
 - That Timothy would allow others to spread wrong doctrine
 - Timothy had to be strong and stand against difficult people
- Charge= a military word – To give strict orders from a commanding officer
 - Timothy needed to share the “command” and teach true doctrine
 - He needed to tell Christians to “ignore” sill distractions (fables)
 - Silly distractions took the place of godly edification which is faith
- Purpose of God's Word-Commandments
 - Love from a pure heart
 - Have a good conscience
 - Have sincere faith
 - Some had strayed from these traits
 - Some were guilty of idle talk
 - Some wanted to be teachers of law not grace
 - They didn't even understand what they were teaching or affirmed
- Purpose of Commandment
 - Inward working of the heart
 - Not mere observations
 - Not without understanding
 - Not to become shallow legalist
 - Not to be concerned on outward performance or appearances
- Spending time in God's Word produces:
 - Love from a pure heart
 - Good conscience
 - Sincere faith
 - If not in God's Word, it causes these problems
 - Legalism may twist God's Word
 - Legalism causes harsh words and judging attitudes
 - Feelings of condemnation when out of fellowship with God
 - Have tendency to trust in your own ability to please God (works)

- Problem with people in Ephesus
 - They didn't understand the truth
 - Didn't know what they were talking about
 - Didn't know what they were doing (blinded by the devil from truth)
- Paul's condemnation of legalist is not condemnation of the law – Verses 8-11
 - But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, knowing 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 mothers for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.
 - The purpose of the law is to show us our sin
 - Not to lead us to righteousness
 - It especially speaks to the ungodly
 - Paul's mind "sound doctrine" and right conduct are vitally connected to one another
- Much sinful environment in Ephesus
 - Important that Timothy stay there
 - It was a difficult place to serve God
 - He needed to break up fallow ground
 - He didn't need to run to an easier place to plow
- Law can't bring righteousness
- The glorious Gospel is blessed by God
- Why Paul was entrusted with the Gospel – Verses 12-14
 - And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.
- Paul was entrusted with the Gospel
 - He was enabled through Jesus Christ
 - He was thankful for his enabling
 - He was counted faithful for ministry
 - Faithfulness made Paul ready to be used.
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- Christian service to God is not just being a volunteer
 - We are duty bound servants of Jesus
 - Faithfulness is expected of servants (Christians)
- Ministry=Service
 - Work hard
 - Work with a servant's heart and attitude
- There is no reason why, if you have gone very far in sin, you should not go equally as far in usefulness to God (Spurgeon)
- Paul's past didn't disqualify him to serve God
 - God's mercy and grace covered his past
 - Ignorance and unbelief never excuse sin
 - They invite God's mercy



Outline Study Review Questions Chapter 1:1-14

1. Paul was _____ to God's ministry.
2. What does Paul encourage Timothy to do?
3. During Paul's absence from Ephesus, what happened to the people there?
4. Timothy is Paul's _____ representative.
5. What did Savior mean to the Roman emperor?
6. Timothy was considered a _____ son to Paul.
7. What three things does Paul admonish to Timothy?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
8. Who taught Timothy scriptures when he was young?
9. What did Timothy want to do instead of ministry in Ephesus?
10. What are three possible reasons Timothy wanted to leave Ephesus?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
11. What are three purposes for God's commandments?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
12. What three things are produced when we stay in God's Word?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
13. What is the purpose of the law?
14. Law can't bring us _____.
15. _____ made Paul ready to be used.
16. Ministry = _____



Outline – David Guzik Commentary

Chapter 1:15-20 (pages 15-20)

- Paul summarizes his personal experience with the gospel
 - Faithful saying
 - Worth of all acceptance
 - Christ Jesus came to save sinners
 - Whom I am Chief!
- Jesus taught the sick needed the physician – Mark 2:17
 - Necessary qualifications for salvation
 - Admit being a sinner
- The more a man feels the burden of his sins; he ought to be with greater courage to betake himself to Christ, relying on what is taught here; that He, Jesus, came to bring salvation NOT to the righteous, but to sinners.
- Paul claimed to be the Chief of sinners
- All men are truly sinners, but ALL men are not equally sinners. They are all in the mire, but they have not all sunk to an equal depth of sin (Spurgeon)
- Paul felt his sins were worse because he was:
 - Responsible for the death of many Christians
 - For their imprisonments
 - For their suffering and persecution, prior his conversion
 - He compelled others to blaspheme
 - He forced them to deny Christ under torture



“Patterns” of Pieces put together to completion- a lot of work, time, patience and skill went into completing this project.

- Paul was saved as a “Pattern” to others
- Verse 16: However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first, Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.
 - The door is open to others who are not as bad a sinner as Paul was
- A “Pattern” – Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, understood that his life, conversion, and service to God was in some way a “Pattern” to other believers.
- Paul gives praise to God who saved him
 - To the King eternal
 - To the Immortal
 - To the Invisible
 - To the Wise
 - Eternal-ruling and reigning in power and glory
 - Immortal- existing before anything else
 - Invisible- not completely knowable by us we can’t figure him out or know all His secrets
 - Wise- He is God, we are not, only He knows and understands all things
- If we ever have trouble worshipping God, its because we don’t know Him very well

- Paul's charge for Timothy to carry on the fight
 - According to Prophecies over him at a young age
 - Wage the good warfare
 - Charge-referring to an order from a commanding officer
 - Son Timothy-expresses note of fatherly love
 - Paul wants Timothy to consider what the Holy Spirit had said to Him through others in the past, and receive the courage to remain in Ephesus
- God wanted Timothy to draw strength from his present difficulty
- Prophecies speak:
 - Edification
 - Exhortation
 - Comfort
- Take care to TEST all prophecy according to both the Word of God and the witness of the Holy Spirit in others
- The focus is not the prophetic Word Timothy heard in the past. The focus is on the battle right in front of him NOW where he must wage the good warfare, fight the good fight.
- Timothy had a battle in front of him in Ephesus
 - Wasn't going to be easy
 - Not comfortable or carefree
 - He had to approach his job as a soldier
 - He had to stay when he wanted to leave
 - He couldn't desert his post
- **Tools for the warfare**
 - Faith
 - Good Conscience
 - These are essential when battling for Jesus
 - They protect us against spiritual attacks
 - Doubt
 - Condemnation
- Timothy had to have faith that God was in control
 - God would guide him
 - Even with his good conscience, enemies would attack him
 - A good conscience is connected to good conduct
- Some have rejected these weapons from God- (Faith and Good Conscience)
 - Those who reject what Jesus and the apostles taught are headed for ruin (shipwreck)

- Two people that rejected the tools of warfare were:
 - Hymenaeus
 - Alexander
 - Paul apparently disciplined them for their disobedience to God in heresy and conduct
 - Paul wasn't afraid to point out to opponents of the truth by name
 - Deliverance to satan
 - Putting them outside the church into the world, the devil's domain
 - Punishment was a removal of protection, not an infliction of evil



Outline Study Review Questions Chapter 1:15-20

1. Jesus came to _____.
2. What does Paul say he was regarding him previously being a sinner?
3. What does Mark 2:17 say?
4. What is the qualification for salvation?
5. All men are not _____ sinners.
6. What are just 2 points that Paul said his sins were worse than other?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
7. Paul was a _____ to others.
8. What do you think of when these verses talk about “patterns”?
9. What happened to Timothy at a young age?
10. What are the three things prophecies speak of?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
11. Take care to _____ all prophecy according to the Word of God.
12. What were three things noted that Timothy had a battle in front of him at Ephesus?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
13. What are the two tools of warfare our verses speak of?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
14. Who rejected the faith at the end of our lesson?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
15. What did Paul do to these two men?



1 Timothy Chapter Two (NLT)

Instructions about Worship

² I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. ⁵ For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. ⁶ He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.

This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. ⁷ And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I'm not exaggerating—just telling the truth. ⁸ In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.

⁹ And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. ¹⁰ For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.

¹¹ Women should learn quietly and submissively. ¹² I do not let women teach men or have authority over them. Let them listen quietly. ¹³ For God made Adam first, and afterward he made Eve. ¹⁴ And it was not Adam who was deceived by Satan. The woman was deceived, and sin was the result. ¹⁵ But women will be saved through childbearing, assuming they continue to live in faith, love, holiness, and modesty.



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Chapter 2:1-7 (pages 21-25)

- Paul instructs us to pray for ALL men (women)
 - Pray for ALL men/women
 - Supplications-asking for something
 - Prayers-all communication with the Lord
 - Intercession-requests for others
 - Giving of thanks-essential part of daily walk with God
 - For ALL men
 - Church’s public prayers must be made expressly for all men, from the emperor, downwards
 - These terms describe wide categories of our communication with God
 - Those who lack thanks to God and a sense of gratitude in their lives, lack a basic Christian virtue.
- All Men/Women
 - This tells us whom we are to pray for
 - Idea is all men need prayer
 - You have never met someone that you can’t or shouldn’t pray for
 - Pray for your enemies
 - Pray for those that annoy us
 - Pray for those who are against us
 - Giving thanks for all men
 - Pray for those in authority
 - Kings
 - Leadership
 - Government Leaders
 - Military
 - That we lead a quiet and peaceful life
 - Walk in godliness and reverence

- At the time Paul wrote this, Christianity was not yet an illegal religion in the Roman Empire
 - The goal of prayer for all men/women – That they might be saved
 - Verse 3 & 4: For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
 - Prayer for those in authority should have evangelical purpose, that our prayers would make their own decisions allow the gospel to have free course
 - God won't fulfill His desire to save all men at the expense of making men robots, simply programmed to do so
 - Gospel must be presented to all without reservations
 - How all men must be saved
 - One God
 - One Mediator
 - Between God and man
 - Christ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all of us
 - Paul appointed as a preacher
 - Paul appointed as a teacher to the Gentiles
 - No valid way to God that doesn't come from Jesus
 - John 14:6 – Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through me
- In the modern world, most people think that any road leads to God, if followed sincerely or with a good heart. The Bible argues against this idea.
- Proverbs 14:12 – There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.
- Jesus gave Himself
 - You can give your time without giving yourself
 - You can give your money without giving yourself
 - You can give your opinion without giving yourself
 - Jesus gave Himself as a hostage – payment for all our sin
 - He put Himself in our place
 - He took our punishment and wrath from God
 - This is the basic gospel message
- Paul began his ministry with an equal emphasis to both Jew and Gentile, but because of continued rejection by the Jews, Paul began to emphasize his ministry to the Gentile.



Outline Study Review Questions Chapter 2:1-7

1. What was Paul's instructions to ALL men?
2. What 4 principles did Paul say to do in prayer?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
3. Those who lack a sense of gratitude toward God, will usually _____ basic Christian virtue.
4. Name 4 issues in our study, from the list of ALL men we are to pray for:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
5. Pray for all authority that we may lead a _____ life.
6. What is the "goal" of all our prayers for others?
7. What does John 14:6 say?
8. In the modern world, most people think that _____ _____ leads to God.
9. What does Proverbs 14:12 say?
10. Can you give of your time, yet not give of yourself?



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Chapter 2:8-15 (pages 25-32)

- Men praying everywhere, lifting holy hands
 - No doubting-praying in faith
 - No wrath-no angry prayers
 - Paul’s focus on the church meetings
 - Men take the lead of the congregation
 - Lifting of holy (set apart) hands in prayer was the ancient culture posture (not folding of hands as we do now days)

- Verses 9-10 (Controversial verses in today’s culture)
 - In like manner also, that the woman adorns themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but which is proper for women professing godliness with good works.
 - Propriety-what’s appropriate for the occasion
 - Moderation-its too much or far too little – middle ground
 - Braided hair/costly clothing-were adornments that went against the principle of propriety in that culture.
 - How we dress reflects our heart
 - Good works make a woman more beautiful than good jewelry
 - Women to show submission to men in authority within the church

- Let women learn in silence
 - Paul uses the same word translated silence in 1 Timothy 2:2 and it means peaceable there, the “idea” is without contention instead of total silence.

- In another place in the New Testament, even in the writings of Paul, women are specifically mentioned as praying and speaking in the church 1 Cor. 11:5
 - Submission is the principle
 - Learn in silence describes the application
 - Reason for this, is because in the ancient culture, women and men sat on opposite sides of the church. Therefore, women were not to interrupt service by shouting across the room to ask their husband a question.
 - Since 1960's, there has been a massive change in the way we see and accept authority.
 - Today, moral state is one of anarchy, there is no moral authority in our culture.

- The Bible is just as specific that there is no “general” submission of women unto men commanded in society; only in the sphere of the home and church, God has not commanded in His Word that men have exclusive authority in the areas of politics, business, education, and so on.

- Woman being described in the Garden of Eden
 - Makes differences in authority
 - Both Adam and Eve, sinned in the Garden
 - Eve sinned first
 - Bible doesn't blame Eve for the fall of man
 - Blame goes on Adam
 - He is responsible authority
 - Adam failed his responsibility
 - Eve was tricked
 - Adam knew exactly what he was doing

- Being a Christian woman in light of Eve's curse
 - Verse 15: Nevertheless, she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control
 - This is debatable and controversial interpretations (bfc- I am only sharing a small portion from our study guide)
 - In the original Greek language-this has the sense "even though women were deceived, and fell into transgression starting with Eve, women can be saved by the Messiah- whom a woman brought into this world" - Mary gave birth to our Jesus
 - Probably, the idea here is that even though the "women race" did something bad in the garden by being deceived and falling into transgression, the "woman race" also did something far greater, in being used by God to bring us the saving Messiah!
- The Summary is this:
 - Don't blame women for the fall of the human race; the Bible doesn't; thank women for bringing us the Messiah- Jesus Christ our Savior!
 - GRACE, GRACE, GRACE, GRACE, GRACE.



Outline Study Review Questions Chapter 2:8-15

1. What two things should not be evident when we pray with holy hands?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. What three things were listed in regard to verses 9-10?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
3. How do you feel about women in leadership in the church?
4. How do you feel about submission to your husband or men of authority in the workplace?
5. What is a better term used for “silence” regarding women speaking that Paul shared with us?
6. Submission is the _____.
7. Learn in silence describes the _____.
8. Since the 1960’s, what has changed?
9. The Bible speaks of women submission in only 2 areas of life, what are they
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
10. Whose fault is it for the fall in the Garden of Eden?
11. Do you see God’s Grace in the last three outlined paragraphs?



1 Timothy Chapter Three (NLT)

3 This is a trustworthy saying: "If someone aspires to be a church leader, he desires an honorable position." **2** So a church leader must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach. **3** He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. **4** He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. **5** For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church?

6 A church leader must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall. **7** Also, people outside the church must speak well of him so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil's trap.

8 In the same way, deacons must be well respected and have integrity. They must not be heavy drinkers or dishonest with money. **9** They must be committed to the mystery of the faith now revealed and must live with a clear conscience. **10** Before they are appointed as deacons, let them be closely examined. If they pass the test, then let them serve as deacons.

11 In the same way, their wives must be respected and must not slander others. They must exercise self-control and be faithful in everything they do. **12** A deacon must be faithful to his wife, and he must manage his children and household well. **13** Those who do well as deacons will be rewarded with respect from others and will have increased confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus.

The Truths of Our Faith-¹⁴ I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, **15** so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.

16 Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.



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Chapter #3 (pages 33-42)

- Qualifications for Leaders
 - Introduction for good works and spiritual leadership
 - Faithful saying: No man is qualified to be a spiritual leader in church because of his gender.
 - Bishop-overseer
 - Also called, Elder, Pastor, Shepherd
 - This is a good work, noble, honorable work
 - Good work, but hard work
- Qualifications for leaders in the church – (verses 2-7)
 - Blameless – can't be accused of grievous sins – good track record
 - Husband of one wife
 - Temperate
 - Sober minded
 - Good behavior
 - Hospitable
 - Able to teach
 - Not given to wine
 - Not violent
 - Not greedy
 - Not quarrelsome
 - Not covetous
 - Rules his own house well
 - Not a novice – newly saved
 - Has a good testimony

- Qualifications of Deacons (verses 8-12)
 - Reverent
 - Not double tongued
 - Strong faith
 - First approved
 - Strong faith-based family
 - Not given to slander, or gossip
- Promise to deacons – (verse 13)
 - For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith, which is in Christ Jesus.
- Paul's reason for writing to Timothy
 - So, Timothy may now “how to” conduct himself in the house of God
 - Paul provides some practical information on how to run the Ephesian Church
 - “Church” was a non-religious word for a group of people called together for one purpose
 - Foundation of the church was “truth”
 - The church is to “hold up” the truth so the world can see it
- Early hymn to express the foundation of the Christian truth
 - God was manifest in the flesh
 - Justified in the Spirit
 - Seen by Angels (Mk 1:13-Lk. 22:41-43)
 - Preached among the Gentiles
 - Believed on in the world
 - Received up in glory
- God's way of creating faith in men's hearts is not by pictures, music, or symbols, but by the hearing of the Word of God!
- 2 Corinthians 3:18-Transformation
 - We trust that Jesus will transform our life according to the same character, as we put our focus on Him. We sometimes want religion to build this character in us, but truly, relationship with Jesus is what really does it.



Outline Study Review Questions Chapter 3

1. What is a Bishop?
2. What are 5 qualifications for a Leader in the church?
3. What are 3 qualifications for a Deacon?
4. What is promised to a Deacon?
5. What was Paul's reason for writing this book to Timothy?
6. What were the 6 points in the Hymn?
7. What does 2 Corinthians 3:18 say? Write it out below



1 Timothy Chapter Four (NLT)

Warnings against False Teachers

⁴ Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. ² These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.

³ They will say it is wrong to be married and wrong to eat certain foods. But God created those foods to be eaten with thanks by faithful people who know the truth. ⁴ Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks. ⁵ For we know it is made acceptable by the word of God and prayer.

A Good Servant of Christ Jesus

⁶ If you explain these things to the brothers and sisters, Timothy, you will be a worthy servant of Christ Jesus, one who is nourished by the message of faith and the good teaching you have followed. ⁷ Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. ⁸ "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. ¹⁰ This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.

¹¹ Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them. ¹² Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. ¹³ Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.

¹⁴ Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress. ¹⁶ Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.



Outline – David Guzik Commentary

Chapter #4 (pages 43-54)

- False doctrine in the end times
 - A warning from the Holy Spirit
- Now the Spirit expressly says, that in the latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.
 - The danger of apostasy – some will depart
 - The danger of deception – deceiving spirits
 - The danger of false teaching – doctrines of demons
 - Latter times describe a broader era, not a couple of years
- A man may hold all the truths of Christianity, and yet render them of none effect by holding other doctrines which counteract their influence.
- The Faith
 - This doesn't mean losing the ability to believe, but losing the content of what Christians should believe, they are abandoning the essential teachings of Christianity.
- Deceiving spirits
 - This refers to demonic spirits (angelic beings who have rebelled against God) who seek to deceive men and women and to entice them away from the truth
 - Some lies are so powerful they have an evident spiritual dynamic behind them
 - First demonic doctrine in Genesis 3-Satan speaking through a serpent to Eve
- Depart from the faith
 - A lie travels at top speed, while the truth goes on foot- and more people within the church are following these doctrines of demons

- Verses 2-3
 - Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth
 - Having their own conscience seared: It is as if the nerve endings of their conscience has been burnt over and are dead to any feelings.
- Paul knew what it was to have a dead, burned conscience; prior to his conversion, he could feel justified because his conscience was seared and needed a wake-up call, which the Lord graciously gave him.
- Forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from food
 - Legalistic teaching
 - List of manmade rules
- Every creature of God is good
 - Regarding what we eat
 - Receive everything with thanksgiving
 - Give gratitude to God
- Nothing is to be refused
 - We are not limited to any kind of food
 - Food eaten or not, has no bearing on our right standing with God
 - Some foods can be health issues and that is up to each individual
- Food is sanctified by the Word and prayer
 - Emphasis not on asking God to bless the food
 - Thank God for the blessing of food provision
- How to tell you are fulfilling your calling
 - If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ
- Keeping your priorities straight
 - Verses 7-10
 - But profane and old wives' fables and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

- Reject profane and wives' fables
 - Priority must be on God's Word, not man's word
 - Priority to be kept on eternal not external things.
- Exercise Godliness
 - Godliness means to have the character and attitude of God
 - This is a worthy goal, much more than physical exercise
 - Spiritual and physical development share some similarities with each other, growth only comes with exertion and proper feeding.
- We trust in the living God
 - He empowers us to accomplish great things for Him
- Paul's point
 - Especially those who believe. Jesus' work is adequate to save all, but only effective in saving those who come to Him by faith.
 - Those that perish, do so by their own fault.
- Personal Instructions
 - Verses 11-16
 - These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.
 - Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.
 - Take heed to yourself and those who hear you

- Let no one despise you youth
 - Because Timothy was young, he was vulnerable to the errors of youth which bring the often criticism of those older
 - Timothy was about 30 at this time and Paul was around 70

- With the laying on of hands
 - Paul may have in mind Timothy's ordination service, when church leaders laid hands on him and recognized God's call on his life to ministry

- Give yourself entirely to these things
 - Often progress is not evident because we do not give in our Christian life, and pursuit of His will.

- Paul knew spiritual growth didn't just happen; it is the gift of God but bestowed on those who actively pursue it.
 - No follower of Jesus should ever just "be content". Where they are in their walk with Jesus- strive for a more excellent life in Jesus with each new day.

- Those who hear Timothy as a pastor should be hearing doctrine; Timothy's primary call was to present Biblical doctrine and give heed to that doctrine.



Outline Study Review Questions Chapter 4



Outline – David Guzik Commentary

Chapter #5 (pages 55-66)

- How to treat people in the church
- Verse 1 – Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers
 - Older men; Timothy must shepherd them faithfully, but with due respect for the years and presumed wisdom of the older men
 - Proverbs 16:31: The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness
- Do not rebuke
 - This meant literally “to strike at”
 - Timothy was told not to attack older men with words, but to treat them with respect
 - In general, rebuke is an important duty of a Pastor- to confront someone with their wrong behavior or thinking
 - He was told to never rebuke in a harsh, attacking manner
 - No one likes to be rebuked; but the wise person uses the rebuke as a valuable means to growth
- But exhort him as a father
 - Exhortation is encouragement to do what needs to be done. It has the manner of an encouraging coach or trainer, helping the athlete to achieve their best
- How to treat women in the church
 - Older women as mothers, younger as sisters, with all purity
 - The Younger (speaking to Timothy)
 - A Godly man is not flirtatious or provocative and does not use double entendre’ (witty words that can be taken in a flirtatious or provocative way)
- How to treat widows and those in need
 - The general principle, help the needy who are truly in need
 - Honor widows who are really widows

- Where provision should come from
 - Verse 7-8
 - And these things command, that they may be blameless, but if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever
- If anyone does not provide for his own
 - God's normal way of providing for the needy is not through the local church, but through our own hard work
- He has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever
 - In the strongest terms, Paul emphasized the responsibility of a man to provide for his family, to do all he could to support them
 - This is the minimum required of a Christian man, if he does not even this, his conduct is worse than an unbeliever's
- Don't let a widow under 60 be taken into the number
 - The idea is that if someone is under 60, they could still support themselves or get married
- Well reported for good works-if she has diligently followed every good work
 - Those widows who were accepted into the support of the church must not only be true widows, but they must also have godly character. They were called to a job, not merely a handout
- Helping younger widows
 - Verses 11-16
 - Refuse the younger widows
 - These were not to be added to the support roll of the local church because they, generally could provide for themselves and could remarry
- The desire to marry having condemnation
 - Paul did not condemn young widows for wanting to get married, only observing that many unmarried women were so hungry for marriage and companionship that they don't conduct themselves in godly ways in regard to relationships
- They learn to be idle.... Gossips.... Busybodies
 - Those who spend much time talking about people's lives need to get a life of their own
 - Paul did not condemn a young widow's desire for romantic companionship, but he insisted that it be pursued and expressed in purity that marks the life of a believer

- How to treat elders
 - Verse 17-18
 - Elders are to be honored according to principles from Scripture
 - Be counted worthy of double honor
 - If an elder (such as a Pastor) does rule well and does labor in the word and doctrine (clearly speaking of hard work) that one is worthy of double honor
 - In this context, double honor means financial support
- For the Scripture says
 - The principle that those who serve God's people should be paid (when possible, of course) is supported by the passages of Scripture quoted by Paul; Deuteronomy 25:4 and Luke 10:7 and Galatians 6:6
- How to treat a leader accused of sin
 - Verse 19-20
 - Do not receive:
 - In these verses, Paul hit the balance between believing and acting on every bit of gossip that comes along about a leader in the church and ignoring serious sin in a leader's life. Either extreme is wrong
- Do not receive an accusation against an elder except two or three witnesses
 - Any accusation against a leader should not be automatically received. The accusation should be carefully verified by two or three witnesses – not two or three others who “also” heard the gossip
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1 Timothy Chapter Five (NLT)

Advice about Widows, Elders, and Slaves

⁵ Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers. ² Treat older women as you would your mother and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters.

³ Take care of¹ any widow who has no one else to care for her. ⁴ But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God.

⁵ Now a true widow, a woman who is truly alone in this world, has placed her hope in God. She prays night and day, asking God for his help. ⁶ But the widow who lives only for pleasure is spiritually dead even while she lives. ⁷ Give these instructions to the church so that no one will be open to criticism.

⁸ But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

⁹ A widow who is put on the list for support must be a woman who is at least sixty years old and was faithful to her husband. ¹⁰ She must be well respected by everyone because of the good she has done. Has she brought up her children well? Has she been kind to strangers and served other believers humbly? Has she helped those who are in trouble? Has she always been ready to do good?

¹¹ The younger widows should not be on the list, because their physical desires will overpower their devotion to Christ, and they will want to remarry. ¹² Then they would be guilty of breaking their previous pledge. ¹³ And if they are on the list, they will learn to be lazy and will spend their time gossiping from house to house, meddling in other people's business and talking about things they shouldn't. ¹⁴ So I advise these younger widows to marry again, have children, and take care of their own homes. Then the enemy will not be able to say anything against them. ¹⁵ For I am afraid that some of them have already gone astray and now follow Satan.

¹⁶ If a woman who is a believer has relatives who are widows, she must take care of them and not put the responsibility on the church. Then the church can care for the widows who are truly

alone.¹⁷ Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching.

¹⁸ For the Scripture says, “You must not muzzle an ox to keep it from eating as it treads out the grain.” And in another place, “Those who work deserve their pay!”

¹⁹ Do not listen to an accusation against an elder unless it is confirmed by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ Those who sin should be reprimanded in front of the whole church; this will serve as a strong warning to others. ²¹ I solemnly command you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus and the highest angels to obey these instructions without taking sides or showing favoritism to anyone.

²² Never be in a hurry about appointing a church leader. ^[g] Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. ²³ Don’t drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often.

²⁴ Remember, the sins of some people are obvious, leading them to certain judgment. But there are others whose sins will not be revealed until later. ²⁵ In the same way, the good deeds of some people are obvious. And the good deeds done in secret will someday come to light.



1 Timothy Chapter Six (NLT)

6 All slaves should show full respect for their masters so they will not bring shame on the name of God and his teaching. **2** If the masters are believers, that is no excuse for being disrespectful. Those slaves should work all the harder because their efforts are helping other believers who are well loved.

False Teaching and True Riches

Teach these things, Timothy, and encourage everyone to obey them. **3** Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. **4** Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. **5** These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.

6 Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. **7** After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. **8** So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

9 But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Paul's Final Instructions

11 But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so, run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight for

the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.

¹³ And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

¹⁵ For, at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. ¹⁶ He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen.

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

²⁰ Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge. ²¹ Some people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness.

May God's grace be with you all.



