

1 Timothy



Study Outline

Background: Timothy grew up in the ancient city of Lystra. His father was Greek and his mother (*Eunice*) was Jewish. Along with young Timothy both his mother and grandmother (*Lois*) came to Christ during Paul's first visit to Lystra in Acts 14. In the few years to follow Timothy developed such a good report among the church that Paul would later add him to his team during the second missionary journey (*Acts 16:1-5*). As the years went on, Timothy would prove to be Paul's most trusted apprentice. In Paul's place, Timothy was sent to minister in Thessalonica, Philippi, and Ephesus. In Philippians 2:19-23, Paul sums up their relationship by calling Timothy a spiritual son.

Main Point: Though it's difficult to pinpoint the exact date of Paul's first letter to Timothy or the location of his writing, the text is clear that Timothy finds himself pastoring the growing Ephesian church. It also seems obvious from the text that pastoring a multi dynamic ministry like the church in Ephesus was no small task. Knowing that Timothy was feeling a bit overwhelmed, Paul writes this letter for two main reasons. First, Paul writes to encourage Timothy in the ministry God had called him too. God doesn't always call the equipped, but he always equips the called. Secondly, in order to insure the spiritual health of the church, Paul provides Timothy four key points of emphasis. As a pastor Timothy's job was to protect the message of the church, develop responsible roles within the church, ensure his own spiritual health and effectiveness, and encourage the people to live out their faith in Godly love and service.

OUTLINE OF 1 TIMOTHY:

1. THE MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 1:1-11
1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17
1 TIMOTHY 1:18-20

TEACH SOUND DOCTRINE
DEMONSTRATE THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD
DEFEND THE FAITH FROM ATTACK

2. THE ROLES IN THE CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8
1 TIMOTHY 2:9-15
1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7
1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13
1 TIMOTHY 3:14-16

MEN: PRAY AND LEAD
WOMEN: SUBMIT AND LOVE
PASTORS: QUALIFICATIONS
DEACONS: QUALIFICATIONS
FINAL EXHORTATIONS AND REMINDER

3. HEALTHY PASTOR MAKES FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-6
1 TIMOTHY 4:7-12
1 TIMOTHY 4:13-16

A GOOD PASTOR PREACHES THE WORD
A GODLY PASTOR LIVES OUT THE WORD
A MATURE PASTOR GROWS IN THE WORD

4. HEALTHY MEMBERS MAKE FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 5:1-2
1 TIMOTHY 5:3-16
1 TIMOTHY 5:17-25
1 TIMOTHY 6:1-2
1 TIMOTHY 6:3-10
1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16
1 TIMOTHY 6:17-21

OLD PEOPLE VS. YOUNG PEOPLE
WIDOWS: OLDER AND YOUNGER
HOW TO TREAT YOUR PASTOR
LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH AT WORK
CALLING OUT FALSE TEACHERS
PASTORS SHOULD PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE RICH



Day 1: True Son....

1 Timothy 1:1-4 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Read Acts 16:1-5 and Philippians 2:19-23 and develop a character profile of Timothy. (2). In what way was Timothy a true or genuine son in the faith? (3). Do you care what other people think about you? Should you care? Do you care about your reputation among the believers? How did this benefit Tim?

Day 2: Equipping the Called....

1 Timothy 1:12-20 // THINKING POINTS: (1). From a human perspective do you think Paul was equipped for ministry before he was called by Jesus? (2). In what way did Paul need to be equipped following his calling? (3). Do you feel like God couldn't use you because you are unable? How do these verses encourage you?

Day 3: One Mediator....

1 Timothy 2:3-6 // THINKING POINTS: (1). According to this passage what is God's intentions towards humanity? (2). What is a mediator? How is Jesus a mediator between God and man? (3). If the Bible says that Jesus is the only way to God then what does this say about the Bible and other world religions?

Day 4: American Apparel....

1 Timothy 2:8-18 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What is Paul saying should be the rule of thumb concerning the way a person dresses? (2). Socially and Biblically, why does it matter what clothing you wear or don't wear? What is the underlying issue? (3). If what I wear reveals insightful things about what's happening in my heart, what can I learn about myself by taking a look inside my closet?

Day 5: Trend Setter....

1 Timothy 4:12-16 // THINKING POINTS: (1). In the face of a society that despises the contribution of youth, what is Paul's advice? What should our focus be in the face of opposition? (2). Instead of demanding respect from the older generations, Paul exhorts us to do what? (3). As youth in what way do we earn respect according to this passage?

Day 6: The Call Out....

1 Timothy 5:19-20 // THINKING POINT: (1). It is wrong to confront a brother or sister in the Lord concerning their sin? (2). What is a key condition to an accusation that must be met before that person is confronted? (3). Why does Paul encourage us to rebuke the person in sin? What benefits are yielded by this?

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