

The Book of 1st Timothy and Church Roles and Responsibilities

Week One

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Introduction:

Author: Paul the Apostle Timing: 58/59 or 64/65AD Audience: A letter to Timothy

The book of 1st Timothy (one who honors God) was written by Paul (Saul) shortly after leaving Ephesus who met Timothy in 51 or 52AD. Timothy, a believer was from Derbe or Lystra in Asia Minor and son of Eunice, a Jewess, and a Greek man who is unnamed. His grandmother was Lois was pious as was her daughter. Timothy became a traveling companion of Paul and Silas. Timothy was recognized early on as someone who would be important to the church. The underlying theme of the book is widely accepted to be primarily instruction on church leadership.

Chapter One

1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ, *which is* our hope;

1:2 Unto Timothy, *my* own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1:3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: *so do*.

1. Speak about the time and setting of this Book and hint in vs. 1-3. What situation or set of circumstances is verse 4 taking about? 2Tim 2:16-18, 2:22, 4:4, Heb 13:9

1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:

1:6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling [empty or useless words];

1:7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

2. What commandment is being referred to here? What is wrong with teaching the Law?

1:8 But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;
1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;
1:11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

3. If the Law is to restrain the sinner, how does it pertain to the believer and what has God put in place to restrain the believer?
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1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;
1:13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.
1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

4. How did Christ put Paul into the Ministry? From what life did Paul come? What does this say about who God uses for the Ministry? Why? 2 Cor 3:5-6, 12:9, Phil 4:13
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1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation [receive with favor], that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
1:16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering [patience], for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

5. Paul stating Jesus came to save the like of him, and so all should be encouraged unto Salvation? Luke 19:7-9, Heb 7:25.
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1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

6. Paul showing praise and honor for the path God's grace has lead him on. How does this become part of the message to Timothy?
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1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;
1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:
1:20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

7. What is the charge? What prophecies had gone before regarding Timothy?

Summary:

This 1st chapter to the book of 1st Timothy seems to be an extended introduction meant to be an encouragement to Timothy for the task he is about to be asked to do. We all should be encouraged with how Paul was used by God after being one of the chief persecutors of the early Christian faith. It is very clear that Paul recognizes that walking the Christian walk is a daily battle and one that requires consistent vigilance.

The next chapter really starts the study of church roles and responsibilities and the added expectations for the pastorate.

Thank you for attending,

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