

FAMILY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

PREPARED FOR A PURPOSE

1 Timothy 1:3–5 | The Household of God

INTRODUCTION

Preparation assumes purpose. God does not prepare His people aimlessly. In verses 1–2 Paul reminded Timothy of what God had provided; beginning in verse 3, Paul moves from preparation to purpose. Timothy has an assignment in the household of God.

BIG IDEA: God prepares His people for the purpose He places before them.

1. THE P _____ — REMAIN | 1 Timothy 1:3a

- Paul urges Timothy to “remain on at Ephesus.” His continued presence there was part of the assignment entrusted to him.
- Faithfulness is not always going somewhere. Sometimes faithfulness means staying where God has placed you when leaving would be easier.
- Paul had to go to Macedonia. Timothy had to stay in Ephesus. Different assignments. Same Lord.

Consider: Where has difficulty tempted you to assume that your assignment must be over?

2. THE P _____ — INSTRUCT | 1 Timothy 1:3b–4

- Timothy is charged to stop teaching that is different from the apostolic truth the church had already received.
- The problem was not that these men had questions; they had turned speculation into instruction.
- Myths and endless genealogies produced speculation rather than furthering God’s work by faith.
- False teaching produces speculation. Sound doctrine produces faithfulness to God’s work.

Test what you hear: Does it agree with what God has revealed? Does it strengthen faith and obedience, or merely create fascination, argument, and speculation?

3. THE P _____ — LOVE | 1 Timothy 1:5

- The goal of sound instruction is not simply more information. Truth is intended to transform us.
- Biblical love flows from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith.
- Truth without love becomes cold and combative; love without truth becomes sentimental and undiscerning.
- Error harms people. Truth serves people. The goal is love.

TAKE IT HOME

1. Where is God calling me to remain faithful?
2. What truth do I need to know and guard more carefully?
3. Is the truth I profess actually producing love in my life?

“But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

— 1 Timothy 1:5 (NASB95)