

THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

Launching a Verse-by-Verse Journey Through 1 Timothy

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:14–15 (NASB 95)

Introduction

Before beginning verse by verse, we need to understand the church Timothy was called to serve. Ephesus had a remarkable history, a serious warning, and a growing crisis. Paul writes so the church will know how to live as the household of the living God and faithfully uphold His truth.

Big Idea

God's church must be ordered by God's truth.

Main Points

1. A Remarkable H_____ — A Church Shaped by the Word

Key Scripture: Acts 19:18–20

- The Word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing in Ephesus.
- Paul invested nearly three years teaching, warning, and shepherding this church.
- Yesterday's faithfulness cannot substitute for today's obedience.

2. A Serious W_____ — A Church Told to Guard

Key Scripture: Acts 20:28–32

- Paul warned the Ephesian elders that savage wolves would come from outside and arise from within.
- By 1 Timothy 1:3–4, the warning had become reality: false teaching was threatening the church.
- Truth must be known, loved, taught, and guarded in every generation.

3. A Faithful S_____ — A Man Entrusted With a Difficult Assignment

Key Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:26–29

- Timothy was not chosen because he was the most impressive man in the room, but because he was faithful.
- God works through weakness so that His strength, not ours, receives the glory.
- Be faithful with the people, truth, and opportunities God has placed in front of you.

4. A Divine O_____ — A Church That Belongs to the Living God

Key Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:14–15

- The church is the household of God: the Owner determines the order of His house.
- The church belongs to the living God, not to a pastor, leaders, culture, or congregation.
- The church does not create truth; it receives, upholds, protects, proclaims, and lives it.

Key Scriptures

Acts 19:18–20 • Acts 20:28–32 • 1 Timothy 1:3–4 • 1 Timothy 3:14–15 • 1 Timothy 1:15 • 1 Timothy 2:5–6

Take It Home

- Know it: Am I growing in my understanding of God's Word, or living on yesterday's knowledge?
- Love it: Do I treasure biblical truth enough to let it correct my preferences and assumptions?
- Guard it: Where has God entrusted truth to me—in my home, friendships, ministry, or workplace?
- Live it: What specific act of obedience does God's Word require of me this week?

The Gospel

The truth we guard centers on Jesus Christ: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). He gave Himself as the one Mediator and ransom for sinners (1 Timothy 2:5–6). Salvation is by grace through faith in Him.

Closing Thought

This is God's household. This is God's truth. By His grace, may we be found faithful with what He has entrusted to us.