

STUDY GUIDE



THE BOOK OF

1 TIMOTHY

Guidelines for Christ-Centered Living



If you are new to the Story of the Bible or would like to review the Story: Listen to the following TMTB Podcasts:

The Story: Understanding the "Big Story" (30 min)

Old Testament: Walk Through the Broad Story (27 min)

Timeline: New Testament Beginnings (35 min)

Letters: Paul's Writing to the Churches-Part 1 (30 min)

REVIEW

In order to address the problem of false teachers of the law, Paul leaves Timothy in Ephesus. Timothy is to do the following:

- 1) confront those who are incorrectly teaching the law of Moses (chapter 1),
- 2) encourage men and women to conduct themselves properly,
- 3) appoint overseers and deacons to assist in the leading of the church, and 4) conduct himself in a manner that is fitting (chapters 4-6).



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Listen to the 1 Timothy Introduction podcast.

TUESDAY

Read Paul's first letter to Timothy (1 Timothy).

Why are the qualifications of the elder so important to his ability to exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict?

Compare Paul's instruction to Titus in 1:5-16 with his instruction to Timothy in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Finally, read Ephesians 4.

What is the role of purpose of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers?



WEDNESDAY

Read Paul's first letter to Timothy (1 Timothy) and seek to find out all that you can about the false teachers.

Who are they? What are they teaching? Why is their teaching so destructive?

How does 1 Timothy 1:5-10 address what the false teachers are teaching?



THURSDAY
Read Acts 20:17-38.
How important to Paul is the protection of the Word of God by the "overseers" in Ephesus?
Paul is sending Timothy to ensure that the "overseers" in Ephesus conduct themselves correctly.
What is Paul's concern in Acts 20:17-38?
How important is it that the overseer be able to exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict
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FRIDAY

Read Paul's first letter to Timothy (1 Timothy) again. This time pay special attention to Paul's theology regarding the law.

What does Paul say about the law and why is it so important in his instruction to Timothy regarding those who want to be teachers of the law but do not understand the things about which they make such confident assertations?