

# 1 Timothy Introduction

Preach the Word!

## I. Title: 1st Timothy

- First of 2 Letters written by Paul to Timothy
- Paul's beloved "son in the faith"
- Timothy: "...one who honors God"
- Mother Eunice/Grandmother Lois
  1. Devout Jews
  2. Believers in Jesus
  3. Timothy's mentors

**2 Timothy 1:5** ...when I call to remembrance the **genuine faith** that is **in you**, which **dwelt first** in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

**2 Timothy 3:15** ... from **childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

- Mother/Grandmother Jews
- **Father Greek**

**Acts 16:1**... Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, **but his father was Greek.**

- **Teenager** when met Paul the Apostle
- 15 Years later Paul still called Timothy a **"young man"**

**1 Timothy 4:12**...**Let no one despise your youth**, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

- **Lived in Lystra:** Roman province of Galatia [Modern Turkey] Acts 16:1
- **Saved during Paul's Gospel** message on 1st Missionary Journey

**Acts 14:6** [Paul] fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region.  
**7 And they were preaching the gospel there.**

- During Paul's Second Missionary Journey asked Timothy to join him
- **One hitch...**

**Acts 16:3** Paul wanted to have [Timothy] **go on with him**. And he took him and **circumcised** him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

- **Godly young man**

**Acts 16:22** He was **well spoken of by the brethren** who were at Lystra and Iconium.

- **Timothy Ministered with Paul**

1. **Berea** Acts 17:14

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| 2. <b>Athens</b>            | Acts 17:15                |
| 3. <b>Corinth</b>           | Acts 18:5 and 2 Cor. 1:19 |
| 4. <b>Jerusalem</b>         | Acts 20:4?                |
| 5. <b>Rome and Philippi</b> | Philippians 2:19-23       |

▪ **Timothy mentioned in other NT Books:**

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| 1. <b>Romans</b>            | ... fellow worker [written in Corinth]                             |
| 2. <b>1 Corinthians</b>     | ... beloved and faithful son                                       |
| 3. <b>2 Corinthians</b>     | ... our brother  |
| 4. <b>Philippians</b>       | ... fellow bondservant of Jesus Christ                             |
| 5. <b>Colossians</b>        | ... our brother  |
| 6. <b>1 Thessalonians</b>   | ... our brother/minister of God/fellow laborer in Gospel of Christ |
| 7. <b>2nd Thessalonians</b> | ... companion of Paul, Silvanus                                    |
| 8. <b>Philemon</b>          | ... our brother  |
| 9. <b>Hebrews</b>           | ... out brother  |

▪ **Timothy sent as an Ambassador by Paul**

**1 Corinthians 4:17** ...I have **sent Timothy** to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

**1 Corinthians 16:10** ...if **Timothy comes**, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do.

**Philippians 2:19** But I trust in the Lord Jesus to **send Timothy** to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

**1 Thessalonians 3:2** [I] **sent Timothy**, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith...

**Timothy was trusted by Paul**

- **Timothy anointed/appointed Pastor of Church in Ephesus**
- **Paul in Ephesus:** A.D. 54-57
  1. Paul's greatest work for the Lord

**Acts 19:9** [Paul began] reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

2. Home of Apostle John who penned:
  - Gospel of John
  - 3 Epistles of John
  - Book of Revelation [Off coast of Ephesus on Island of Patmos]

3. Paul's farewell to Ephesian Elders and what Timothy walked into...

**Acts 20:25** "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am

innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

4. Many Christian converts in Ephesus
5. Pagan temples became all but abandon due to the Gospel message
6. No **church buildings** during Paul/Timothy time in Ephesus
  - Not until 200 years after Paul!
  - Not common until Constantine
7. Ephesians met in hundreds of house churches
8. Hundreds of Pastors called "elders" in Acts and "bishops" in Timothy

### **Timothy was overseer to these many Pastors in Ephesus**

Without seminaries, without church buildings, and in spite of persecution, the church made more rapid progress than at any time since, because it had to keep its mind on the essentials rather than the superficials of Christianity. [Halley's Bible Handbook]

- Timothy **imprisoned /released** at one time

**Hebrews 13:23** Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

- Timothy was **Timid**:

**2 Timothy 1: 6** [Because of your spiritual inheritance]...I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

[Timothy] was timid and retiring [introverted] by nature, not as well fitted as Titus for handling trouble-makers. [Halley's Bible Handbook]

- Timothy was **Sickly**

**1 Timothy 5:23** No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

- **Tradition:**
  1. Timothy was later a co-worker in Ephesus with Apostle John
  2. Timothy was martyred under Roman Nerva or Domitian

**Key: Timothy continued the work... in spite of the obstacles.  
Sick? Timid? Introverted...God is Bigger!**

**Courage *does not* mean you are not afraid...it means being afraid and doing it anyway!**

- **Timothy and Luke:** Paul's most constant companions

## II. Author & Date

- **Author:** Paul the Apostle author Pastoral Epistles; i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy and Titus

**1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God** our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, 2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

**2 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,** according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Titus 1:1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ,** according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness...

- **Date Written:**

1. **1<sup>st</sup> Timothy A.D. 62-64**

- a) Shortly after Paul was released from Roman imprisonment in Acts 28
- b) Between Paul's first and second Roman imprisonment from Macedonia
- c) Paul wrote to Titus at the same time [Both pastors]

2. **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy A.D. 66-67**

- a) Written during 2<sup>nd</sup> Roman imprisonment just before being executed
- b) Paul called for Timothy in his "swan song"

**2 Timothy 4:9** [Paul from Rome to Timothy in Ephesus] **...come to me quickly;** 10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. 12 And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. 13 Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.

- **NOTE:** Unknown if Timothy reached Paul in Rome before Paul's execution.

## III. Background & Setting

- Paul released from Roman imprisonment in Acts 28:30 in **A.D. 62-64**
- Paul returned to several cities he ministered in to during his 3 missionary trips
- 4<sup>th</sup> Missionary Journey? Tradition:

1. Paul then returned to Ephesus with Timothy
2. Paul left Timothy in Ephesus to deal with:

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| a) <b>False-Teaching</b>             | 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 4:1-3; 6:3-5 |
| b) <b>True Worship</b>               | 1 Timothy 2:1-15              |
| c) <b>Qualifications for Leaders</b> | 1 Timothy 3:1-14              |
| d) <b>Love of Money.</b> Motives     | 1 Timothy 6:6-19              |

3. Paul went on to Macedonia and wrote 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy

**1 Timothy 3:14** These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; 15 but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

## IV. Major Themes

- Church Government
- Church Order
- Church Leaders [Especially young leaders]

**1 Timothy 3:15** I write so that you may know **how you** ought to **conduct yourself** in the house of God...

- **1 of 3 Pastoral Epistles**
  1. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy
  2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy
  3. Titus
- **Theology**
  1. Purpose of the Law of God 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:5–11
  2. Salvation 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:14–16; 2:4–6
  3. Attributes of the Father 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:17
  4. Original Sin 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:13,14
  5. Attributes of the Son 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:16; 6:15,16
  6. Election 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:12
  7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:14,15

## 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy Outline

### I. Introduction

- A. Greeting
- B. Purpose of the Law [What it is/is not]
- C. True Doctrine of Grace
- D. Appeal to Timothy to Press on

### Chapter 1

- 1:1–2
- 1:3–11
- 1:12–17
- 1:18–20

### II. Instructions Concerning the Church

- A. Instruction in Public Prayer
- B. Instructions for Men to Pray
- C. Instruction on the Role of Women

### Chapter 2

- 2:1–7
- 2:8
- 2:9–15

### III. Qualifications of Church Leader

- A. Qualifications for Elders
- B. Qualifications for Deacons
- C. Purpose of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy

### Chapter 3

- 3:1–7
- 3:8–13
- 3:14–16

### IV. Instructions Regarding Apostates

- A. False Teachers
- B. What to do during Apostasy

### Chapter 4

- 4:1–5
- 4:6–16

## **V. Pastoral Duties**

- A. Instruction in Rebuke
- B. Instruction Concerning Widows
- C. Instruction Concerning Elders
- D. Instruction Concerning Slaves
- E. Characteristics of False Teachers
- E. Instruction Concerning Wrong Motives
- F. Instruction Concerning Right Motives
- G. Instructions to the Rich
- H. Charge to Timothy: Love Truth

## **Chapters 5 and 6**

- 5:1, 2
- 5:3-16
- 5:17-25
- 6:1, 2
- 6:3-5
- 6:6-10
- 6:11-16
- 6:17-19
- 6:20, 21