

**House Rules**  
***Functioning as the Church***  
Week 01: Introduction to 1 Timothy and Greeting

**Scripture**

1 Timothy 1:1-2

**Motivation (Why They Need to Know It)**

**Rule** - *guide for conduct that rewards obedience and disciplines disobedience*

***Why are rules beneficial?***

- They provide a standard (leads to predictability, accountability, and consistency)
- They provide protection (from the right heart, boundaries can be one of the greatest forms of love)
- They provide desirable outcomes (following loving rules produce right actions and results)

**Reflection/Review (Where We Are)**

***Points to Ponder about 1 Timothy...***

- Written by Paul to Timothy between Paul's two Roman imprisonments
  - ✓ AD 48-56 (Paul's missionary journeys)
  - ✓ AD 56-60 (Testifying before Roman courts)
  - ✓ AD 61-62 (First Roman imprisonment under house arrest)
  - ✓ AD 62-67 (Paul travels lightly, leaving Timothy in Ephesus and Titus in Crete)
  - ✓ AD 63-66 (Paul writes 1 Timothy and Titus)
  - ✓ AD 67 (Second Roman imprisonment and writes 2 Timothy before execution)
- Recipient was **Timothy** (name means *one who honors God; dear to God*)
  - ✓ Timothy's grandmother and mother heavily influenced his faith  
**2 Timothy 1:5 (ESV)** I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice...
  - ✓ Timothy's father was Greek, but may have died (we don't know for sure)  
**Acts 16:1 (ESV)** Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.
  - ✓ Timothy had a good reputation among other believers  
**Acts 16:2 (ESV)** He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.
  - ✓ Paul considered Timothy his "true child in the faith"  
**1 Timothy 1:1 (ESV)** To Timothy, my true child in the faith...

## Video Overview of 1 Timothy (9 minutes)

Allow me to provide a wonderful video intro to 1 Timothy, courtesy of our friends at The Bible Project.

Although this video is 9 minutes, it will give you a wonderful overview.

You can also find this video, as well as the completed chart, on our website at [thesummit.life/houserules](http://thesummit.life/houserules).

## Information (What They Need to Know)

We're going to close out today with the purpose of 1 Timothy.

**“Practical instructions about the life of a gospel-centered church, who is intended to promote godliness and proclaim the message of salvation to all people.”**

### *Purpose of 1 Timothy:*

- To protect the church against infiltrating false teachers  
**1 Timothy 1:3 (ESV)** As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine...
- To promote the practice of prayer, good conduct, and roles in church gatherings  
**1 Timothy 2:1 (ESV)** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people...
- To organize leadership structure in the church  
**1 Timothy 3:1 (ESV)** The saying is: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.
- To establish etiquette among distinct groups within the church
- To contrast the characteristics of a good servant of Jesus and someone who has departed from the faith  
**1 Timothy 6:11 (ESV)** But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses

## Application (What They Need to Do)

Throughout this series, we'll allow Scripture to determine the rules for life and church structure.

Although Paul will not write these words until his second letter to Timothy, they are relevant for us now.

**2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- Scripture is beneficial
  - ✓ Teaching (what is right)
  - ✓ Reproof (what is wrong)
  - ✓ Correction (how to get it right)
  - ✓ Training in righteousness (how to keep things right)
- Obedience to the “rules” of Scripture mature us
  - ✓ Man may be complete (maturing)
  - ✓ Man may be equipped for every good work (prepared)