

A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE
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1&2 Timothy

(PRAY)

The last time we were together, we finished 1&2 Thessalonians.

BIG IDEA for 1&2 Thessalonians

**WHAT YOU HOPE FOR
SHAPES WHAT YOU
LIVE FOR!**

That's what FAITH is all about!

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and
assurance about what we do not see.

This week we're going to walk through 1&2 Timothy.
Most of Paul's letters were to entire churches, but 3 of his
letters were to individual pastors that he was training.
2 of these letters were to Timothy and one was to Titus.
These three books are called the PASTORAL EPISTLES.

Timothy has a special relationship with Paul, and it shows.
In this letter (and Second Timothy),
we see Paul's expectations of Timothy.
Timothy is specifically responsible for maintaining Paul's
standard of teaching in the church at Ephesus.
(No pressure Timothy! LOL!!)

Paul probably wrote this first letter to Timothy a few years after he wrote to the Ephesian church.

That letter would have been read to the congregation that Timothy is now leading.

The letter to Timothy is different than the letter to the Ephesians.

While Ephesians lists general ways a Christian can walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, in First Timothy Paul lays out specific instructions for how to deal with the issues that Timothy is facing in the church.

Here's a basic outline or layout for 1 Timothy

Chapter 1

Paul has sent Timothy to Ephesus to confront some false teachers in the church and clean up the mess from their "strange teaching".

Paul even names 2 of these individuals;
Alexander & Hymenaeus.

These guys are obsessed with speculating on the law and have come up with some really weird teachings about food and marriage that weren't consistent with the teachings of Jesus and the apostles.

1 Timothy 1:5-7

The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.⁶ But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions.⁷ They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they speak so confidently.

Be ware of people who are always ready for an argument.
You'll recognize them by the way they talk.

They're usually condescending and belittling, and there is no love in what they do.

They're always ready to tear somebody down.

That doesn't mean we don't guard the truth, but if there is a need to instruct or correct someone it must be done out of a heart of love for that person.

You see that what they are saying is damaging to the body of Christ or to themselves personally and because of your love for them, you go and speak to them.

If you go to them with that kind of heart and attitude, it will also change the way you approach them. Paul said:

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Chapter 2

Paul begins with some instructions about prayer.

1 Timothy 2:1

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

Prayer for the leaders in our land... Pray for peace...

1 Timothy 2:8

In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.

Paul goes on to give some instruction for some women in the church who have been influenced by these corrupt teachers.

These women were dressing in a way that was drawing attention to themselves, rather than to Christ.

Paul says that women who are devoted to God are beautiful because of the great things they do for God, not because of the way they dress.

Some of these women were also usurping leadership positions in the church and teaching the wrong theology of these corrupt teachers.

Paul shuts them down and says that they should not teach or have authority in the church.

Then he goes on to talk about the story of Adam and Even and the serpent from Genesis 3.

This is one of the places that, like Peter says in 2 Peter 3:16, Paul is a little hard to understand.

So there are several different views about what Paul meant here.

1. Some think Paul is prohibiting any women from ever leading or teaching men in any church.

They think that his comments about Adam and Eve are orders that only men should be leaders in the church.

2. Others think Paul is prohibiting women from having leadership authority over men, but with sound Biblical education, women can teach as leaders in the church under male leadership.

3. Still others think that Paul is only prohibiting these particular women in Ephesus from leading.

And his comments about Adam & Eve are a comparison of how these women have been deceived by the false teachers.

We're going to explore this deeper at another time, but for now, I will just say this. Check out other women in the Bible that God used in many different levels of teaching and leadership.

Women like Deborah, Esther, Phoebe, Junia, Priscilla, and many more.

Chapter 3

Paul talks about qualifications for Overseers and Deacons.

Paul describes how these leaders must be people with outstanding character and integrity.

The Bible uses the terms Elder/Pastor/Bishop/Overseer interchangeably.

Elders are responsible for the primary leadership and oversight of a church. Elders lead the church, teach and preach the Word, protect the church from false teachers, exhort and admonish the

saints in sound doctrine, visit the sick, pray, and judge doctrinal issues. In biblical terminology, elders shepherd, oversee, lead, and care for the local church”

Deacon = The basic meaning of the word deacon suggests the notion of service and servanthood, especially in regard to providing practical help with respect to the basic necessities of life. The basic task of deacons, then, seems to be helping those in need, as well as ministering through hospitality and welcoming.

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4 Paul admonishes Timothy to deal with false teachers and don't let it spread.

Then he encourages Timothy to not let anyone look down on him because he is young, but to live as an example to those around him, of what a disciplined, godly person should be.

Chapter 5

Instructions to Timothy on

- * Overseeing the church
- * Caring for widows
- * Honoring elders

Chapter 6

More instruction about false teachers and about what is truly valuable.

Charge to timothy to live a life of Godliness and to guard what God has entrusted to him.

1 Timothy 6:20

Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge.

KEY VERSE

1 Timothy 3:14-15

I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, ¹⁵ so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.

2 TIMOTHY

Paul is about to die.

He had devoted his life to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

He had fought for sound teaching in the churches.

He had trained pastors. He had corrected individuals, churches, and even apostles.

He had testified before kings.

But now Paul's work was almost done.

Even though Paul would soon leave the world behind, he wasn't leaving the world without a representative for truth.

Timothy, Paul's protégé, his son in the Lord, needed to carry on Paul's standard of sound teaching (2 Ti 1:13).

Paul's second letter to Timothy focuses on solemn charges to the younger pastor: Guard and fight for the gospel.

Paul was appointed a preacher, apostle, and teacher of the gospel, and Timothy is responsible for guarding it and entrusting it to others.

The road ahead will be fraught with suffering, but Paul encourages Timothy to be strong, and fight the good fight.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge,

will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

There are a lot of people out there who will try to disrupt Timothy's work and lead people down a wrong path.

Timothy and the other believers are to accurately handle the word, avoid empty chatter, flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace.

People are going to turn away from God in the future, and Timothy must remember the Scriptures and continue in sound teaching..

PREACH THE WORD!

Paul's last charge to Timothy is to preach the word. Timothy is not only responsible for keeping church doctrine in line; he's also supposed to bring that teaching to the lost.

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

Quick outline of 2 Timothy

Chapter 1 - Guard and maintain the gospel

Chapter 2:1-13 - Fight and suffer for the gospel

Chapter 2:14-26 - Pursue godliness

Chapter 3 - Continue in sound teaching

Chapter 4 - Preach the word

KEY VERSES

2 Timothy 1:13-14

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.