

I & II TIMOTHY AND TITUS

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LESSON 1 – BY GRACE, TEACH NO OTHER DOCTRINE

I Timothy 1:1-20

Who Was Timothy?

We are first introduced to Timothy on Paul's second missionary journey:

Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted to have him 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. (Acts 16:1-3 NKJ)

Most likely because of Timothy's Jewish ancestry, he was circumcised to enable him to more easily associate with conscientious Jews, who would not have readily understood the new liberty regarding old customs (**I Corinthians 7:18-20; 9:19-23; Galatians 2:1-5**). His good reputation among brethren in multiple cities and willingness to accompany Paul in the Lord's missionary work demonstrates a commendable example. Timothy continued to manifest a diligent and trustworthy dedication, often being sent ahead or left behind by Paul to work with established churches (**Acts 17:14-15; 18:5; 19:22; 20:4; I Corinthians 4:17; 16:10-11; I Thessalonians 3:2-6**). Paul clearly held him in high regard, elevating him to special pedestal more than once (**I Timothy 1:2, 18; II Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:12-20; I Corinthians 16:10**).

Introduction and Theme

The opening of this first epistle finds Timothy again entrusted with the work of preaching and teaching for a local church, Ephesus, in this case. Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, most likely in the fall of 63 A.D., after Paul's first Roman imprisonment and before his second, which ended with Paul's execution. He indicated that the theme or purpose of his writing was 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*” (**I Timothy 3:15**). Throughout the letter, truth is emphasized. Whether the application is knowing it, practicing it, or teaching it, holding fast to the truth is the principal theme and purpose. Although much of Paul's instruction for Timothy pertains to his specific work as an evangelist, when we read what Timothy was supposed to teach and set in order, then we can learn what we need to do and teach as the church of the Lord.

Bible Reading With Questions

Greeting – I Timothy 1:1-2

1. Why might it have been important for Paul to designate himself as “*an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ*”?
2. How might a “*true son*” be different than just a “*son*”? What does this say about Timothy?

No Other Doctrine – I Timothy 1:3-11

3. What doctrine was to be avoided? Why?
4. Are we not supposed to have any “*disputes*”? Explain.

5. What is God's command supposed to produce? List some alternative methods that men use in trying to achieve the same goal?
6. Why do some become teachers? Lessons?
7. How might one use the law "*unlawfully*"?
8. For whom is the law? For whom is it not intended? What does this mean?
9. How do we know what qualifies as "*any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine*"?

Glory to God For His Grace – I Timothy 1:12-17

10. What did Paul need to become a preacher of Jesus' gospel?
11. Why might Paul have considered himself, "*chief of sinners*"?
12. Why did Paul receive such mercy?
13. By implication, what would Timothy need to fulfill his charge? How should this have made Timothy (and by extension, us) feel?

Fight the Good Fight – I Timothy 1:18-20

14. How was Timothy to use prophecies about him to "*wage the good warfare*"?
15. What was the "*good warfare*" that he was supposed to "*wage*"? What does this phrase mean?
16. What does it mean to "*deliver one to Satan*"?