

# 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy

## Fall 2024

### Week 1 - Intro to 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy

#### Background

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy and Titus are the final three letters written by Paul
- We meet Timothy in the Book of Acts
  - Home was in Lystra in Asia Minor where Paul preached during his first Journey (Act's 14:8) (46-48 AD)
  - Father was Greek, Mother was Jewish
  - Timothy and mother became Christians, and when Paul returned during his second journey (49-52 AD), Timothy was recommended to him as a capable assistant
  - Timothy visited Paul during Paul's imprisonment and went on to Ephesus. Later Paul Joins him in about 63 AD.
  - From the implied letter to Timothy, Paul recognized the internal struggles the church was dealing with. So, in the letter, Paul directs Timothy on how to handle those issues
    - False Teachers in the AO
    - Political Problems – Nero beginning to wield power
    - Wickedness and evil
    - Boredom – People wanted to be entertained and feel better about life
    - People in the Church who didn't understand their roles and didn't understand what God called them to do.
  - Paul looked to Timothy as someone to "Hand the baton" over to
- Temptation for laypeople is that these letters do not concern "us" today
  - "They are Pastoral epistles written from one pastor to another"
  - "Designed for leaders in the church"
  - "Laypeople become mistaken that these letters are not designed for them because they are not involved in church leadership"
- God is not the God that says, "*Do as I say and not as I do.*" God is the God who says, "*Do as I say and as I do.*"
- Greatest expectation placed on church leadership is to do the very things that are preached on Sunday morning. (ex., "be excited about the word when I'm not demonstrating that to you")
  - "The crazy hardcore fakes" – Demonstrate the way things should be but don't live it and don't believe it.
  - "Look like a duck," but the condition of their heart has not yielded and submitted to the Lord.
- When God has an expectation that he lays out for the body of Christ, He makes that expectation clear in two ways,
  - First – Through His Word
  - Two - Through the leaders He has called to lead

- We receive instruction from God on how to live our lives through what God has told us in his Word and how he has instructed his leaders to live.
- Paul walks Timothy through doctrine, and how to apply it practically
- In the letters to Timothy, Paul describes the nature, character and work of the Gospel Ministry
- Paul is aware his ministry is coming to a close and he is concerned about the future of the Church
- Paul's desire is to give divine council to those who succeed him so that the Gospel and ministry will continue just as he received them from the Lord
- Paul's intent is that every generation that follows him maintains faithfulness to the Lord and keeps the faith
- Everything discussed in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy is just as applicable today as it was in 63 A.D.

### Points to Ponder

1. Paul writes thirteen Epistles, why are the letters written to Timothy, Titus and Philemon the only letters written to individuals instead of groups?

2. Based on the following passages, describe Timothy's life and character:

Acts 16:1–3

2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15

Philippians 2:19–23

1 Thessalonians 3:2

1 Corinthians 16:10

2 Corinthians 1:1

Romans 16:21

Colossians 1:1

3. How does Paul address Timothy in 1 Timothy 1:1–3 and 2 Timothy 1:1–5?
  - a. What are some examples in which Paul uses Scripture to provide practical applications in those passages?
4. What are some ways, after we hear Pastor's sermon and we're emotionally motivated and excited about the message, that we can apply that message practically?
5. We are very good at handing down traditions, so how do we break those traditions down so we can apply them practically and show how it applies to scripture?

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

- I. Salutation (1:1–2)
- II. The charge concerning false teachers (1:3–4)
  - a. The charge to preserve the purity of the Gospel (1:5–11)
  - b. Two examples (1:12–20)
- III. Instructions concerning pastoral ministry (2:1–3:16)
  - a. Public worship (2:1–15)
    - i. The duty of prayer (2:1–7)
    - ii. The position of men in public worship (2:8–10)
    - iii. The position of women in public worship (2:11–15)
  - b. The qualifications for public ministry (3:1–13)
    - i. Overseers (or pastors) (3:1–7)
    - ii. Deacons (3:8–13)
    - iii. The center and substance of public ministry (3:14–16)
- IV. Opposing false teachers (4:1–16)
  - a. False teachers described (4:1–5)
  - b. The pastor’s work against false teachers (4:6–16)
- V. Pastoral ministry with various groups (5–6:2)
  - a. Older and younger, widows, elders, and slaves (5:1–25)
  - b. Concluding exhortations (6:3–19)
  - c. Reiteration of Charge (6:20–21)

<i>History</i>	<i>Date (AD)</i>	
Descent of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem (Acts 2)	<b>ca. 30</b>	
Martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 6:8–8:1)	<b>32</b>	Paul’s conversion and Baptism (Acts 9:1–19;22:1–16)
Caligula Roman Emperor	<b>37–41</b>	
Claudius Roman Emperor	<b>41–54</b>	
	<b>46–48</b>	Paul’s first missionary journey
Apostolic council in Jerusalem (Acts 15)	<b>49–52</b>	Paul’s second missionary journey
	<b>53–57</b>	Paul’s third missionary journey
Nero Roman Emperor	<b>54–68</b>	
Martyrdom of James the Just	<b>60–62</b>	Paul under house arrest in Rome
	<b>62–67</b>	Paul’s fourth missionary journey
Rome burns: Nero begins four-year persecution of Christians	<b>July 9, 64</b>	
	<b>64–65</b>	Paul writes 1 Timothy (1:1–2) and Titus (1:1–4)
	<b>67</b>	Paul imprisoned and chained in a dungeon by Nero; writes 2 Timothy (1:1–2)
Peter crucified upside down in Rome	<b>67–68</b>	Paul beheaded in Rome
Jerusalem captured and temple destroyed	<b>70</b>	
Construction begins on Roman Colosseum	<b>71</b>	

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