

THE BOOK OF 1 TIMOTHY

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TIMOTHY

Introduction / Greeting (1 Timothy 1:1-7)
The Lord Jesus Christ Our Hope (1:1,2)
Teach No Other Doctrine (1:3-7)

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■ **Author** : Paul (1:1)

■ **Recipient** : “To Timothy, a true son in the faith” (1:2; cf. Ac 16:1, 2)

- ▶ His grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice, were Jewish, while his father was a Greek (2 Tim. 1:5; Acts 16:1).
- ▶ These women taught Timothy the Holy Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:15).
- ▶ From Lystra, Timothy traveled with Paul throughout the whole of his second journey.
- ▶ On Paul’s 3rd journey, Timothy was with him at Ephesus. Near the end of Paul’s three years there, Timothy was sent to the churches of Macedonia and Achaia (Acts 19:21, 22; 1 Cor. 4:17; 16:10, 11).

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- ▶ Beloved brother; faithful minister; fellow servant – (Col. 4:7)
- ▶ My beloved, fellow worker – (Rom 16:3,9, ASV)
- ▶ My partner, fellow-helper – (2 Cor 8:23)
- ▶ Companion in labor, fellow-soldier, & fellow-laborer – (1 Thes 3:1,2)
- ▶ My beloved son – (1 Cor 4:17)
- ▶ Mine own son in the faith – (1 Tim 1:2)
- ▶ My dearly beloved son - (2 Tim 1:2)
- ▶ My son – (2 Tim 2:1)

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■ Paul's Activities between his imprisonments in Rome :

- ▶ Sailed from Rome to Crete (Titus 1:5).
- ▶ Stops at Miletus (2 Timothy 4:20).
- ▶ Leaves Timothy in Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3).
- ▶ Stops at Troas (2 Timothy 4:13).
- ▶ Writes this letter from somewhere in Macedonia (1 Timothy 1:3). (A.D. 63 - 65)
- ▶ Stops at Corinth (2 Timothy 4:20).
- ▶ Prob. wrote to Titus from Corinth before wintering at Nicopolis (Ti 3:12).
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- ▶ Sometime later arrested and taken back to Rome, from where he writes 2 Timothy (2 Timothy 1:17; 4:6-8; 16-17,21).

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- **Time of writing** : Sometime between Paul's first and second imprisonment in Rome. (between A.D. 63 and A.D. 65).
- **Place of writing** : We do not know - probably somewhere in Macedonia.
- **Purpose of writing** :
 - ▶ (1) Warnings against Departures from the Faith, (1:3,4; 4:1; 6:3-5)
 - ▶ (2) Proper Behavior in the House of God (church of our Lord), (3:15; 2:1-15)
 - ▶ (3) How to Save Ourselves and Those That Hear Us (4:6, 16)

Outline of the First Timothy

I) Introductory Material: 1:1-20

A. Salutation: 1:1-2

B. Purpose for leaving Timothy:
1:3-11

C. Expressing gratitude to Christ and
God: 1:12-17

D. Restating the charge to Timothy:
1:18-20

II) Instructions concerning the Church in general: 2:1-3:16

A. Public prayer: 2:1-7

B. Proper relationship and conduct of
men and women in public: 2:8-15

C. Qualifications of elders and
deacons: 3:1-13

D. The Church and Christ: 3:14-16

III) Instructions to Timothy regarding his role as an Evangelist: 4:1-6:21

A. Apostasy foretold: 4:1-5

B. Instructions concerning his own
teaching and conduct: 4:6-15

C. Instructions concerning classes of
people in the Church: 5:1-6:2

1. Widows: 5:1-6

2. Elders: 5:17-25

3. Servants: 6:1-2

IV) Concluding instructions:

A. Concerning false teachers: 6:3-5

B. Concerning greed: 6:6-10

C. Fighting the good fight: 6:11-16

D. The rich: 6:17-19

E. Final charges: 6:20-21

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¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, (1:1)

- **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ** :The word apostle (apostolos) “is, lit., one sent forth (from stellō, to send)” (Vine).
- ▶ Although the word is used at a times in the NT in a general sense, (cf. Acts 14:4, 14; Rom. 16:7; 1 Thess. 2:6). Paul is using it in a specific and official sense (1 Cor. 9:1, 2; 2 Cor. 12:11, 12).
- ▶ Paul’s apostleship had come to him through a heavenly command (Gal. 1:11–2:2; cf. 1 Tim. 2:7).

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- **God our Savior** : (cf. 1 Tim. 2:3; 4:10; Titus 1:3; 2:10; 3:4). The Father conceived, designed, & purposed the scheme of redemption.
- **Lord Jesus Christ, our hope** :
 - ▶ Jesus is also set forth in the Scriptures as our Savior because of his incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection (Eph. 5:23; Phil. 3:20; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 1:4; 2:13; 3:6).
 - ▶ Jesus is our hope, He has made salvation possible (Col. 1:27; Rom. 5:2; 8:18; Col. 3:4; Heb. 12:1-3).

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² To Timothy, a true son in the faith:
Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God our
Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. (1:2)

- **Timothy, a true son in the faith:** : not according to the flesh, but in the faith, which means, like Titus (Titus 1:4), he was converted by Paul. The word faith is used in the objective sense, hence, the gospel (cf. Acts 6:7; Jude 3)..
- **Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.** : Paul's fairly standard greeting of **grace, and peace,** ((Ro 1:7; 1 Co 1:3; Ga 6:16; etc.), but adds **mercy** in his letters to both Timothy & Titus (1 Tim 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4) - Perhaps a reference to suffering.

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1 Timothy 1:3–7 (NKJV)

³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, ⁴ nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. ⁵ Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, ⁶ from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

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False Doctrines and Problems:

- Speculative intellectualism: (1:4; 6:4).
- Jewish myths and genealogies: (1:4)
- Misuse of the Old Testament: (1:7)
- Some had lost their faith: (1:19-20)
- Asceticism: (4:1-4)
- Members living worldly lives: (5:6, 11).
- Not providing for one's family: (5:8).
- A false pride that leads into errors: (6:3-4)
- Materialism & love of money: (6:6-9, 17)
- Pseudo-knowledge: (6:20; 4:7).

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Is The Lord Jesus Christ YOUR Hope? (1:1,2)

Do we understand the importance & value of the doctrine of Christ & are we committed to teach believe and practice nothing else?? (1:3-7)

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Acts 16:1–5 (NKJV)

¹ 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. ² He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. ³ 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. ⁴ And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.