

Bible Study – Outline

I Timothy

Building and Leading the Church

<u>Author</u>	Paul
<u>Date Written</u>	Approx. 64 AD – most likely from Rome
<u>Audience:</u>	Timothy
<u>Key Place</u>	Ephesus – where Timothy was sent to lead the Church.

Major Theme(s)

Church Leadership
The attributes of a true Church
How to preserve the faith

Key People

Paul, Timothy

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The danger of false doctrine	1:1-17
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Guard what has been entrusted to you	6:20-21

Key Scriptures

I Tim. 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope

I Tim. 1:3-4

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer ⁴ or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies.⁵ Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith.

I Tim. 1:5

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

I Tim. 1:7-11

They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

⁸We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. ⁹We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine ¹¹that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

I Tim. 1:15 *

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

I Tim. 2:4 *

who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

I Tim. 2:8-15 *

Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. ⁹I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, ¹⁰but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

¹¹A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. ¹⁵But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

I Tim. 3:14-15 *

Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, ¹⁵if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

I Tim. 3:16

Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:

He appeared in the flesh,
was vindicated by the Spirit,
was seen by angels,
was preached among the nations
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.

I Tim. 4:1 *

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirit and things taught by demons.

I Tim. 4:13-14

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

I Tim. 4:16

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

I Tim. 5:8

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

I Tim. 6:11-12

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

I Tim. 6:20-21

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter^c and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.
Grace be with you all.

* refer to the notes for these verses in the Life Application Bible (NIV)

Spiritual Warfare

We are soldiers

I Tim. 18-19; II Tim. 2:3-4

We are to fight against

1. Human nature

Gal. 5:19-21; Jer. 17:9

2. Today's lustful society

Gal. 1:4; I John 2:15-17

3. Satan

II Cor. 6:14-18, Rev. 18:4

Discussion Questions

1. What is the false teaching that Paul is worried about?
2. What is your understanding of the instruction regarding women in the Church?
3. What are the qualities of a leader in the Church?
4. What are we to be on our guard against in "later times"? I Tim. 4:1
5. What is the greatest gain? I Tim. 6:6
6. What war are we in? I Tim. 6:11-12

Resources Used

Adventuring Through the Bible by Ray Stedman
Life Application Bible (NIV) - Zondervan and Tyndale House.
www.biblestudytools.com

Outline - I Timothy

I. Greetings (1:1-2)

II. Warning against False Teachers (1:3-11)

A. The Nature of the Heresy (1:3-7)

B. The Purpose of the Law (1:8-11)

III. The Lord's Grace to Paul (1:12-17)

IV. The Purpose of Paul's Instructions to Timothy (1:18-20)

V. Instructions concerning Church Administration (chs. 2-3)

A. Public Worship (ch. 2)

1. Prayer in public worship (2:1-8)

2. Women in public worship (2:9-15)

B. Qualifications for Church Officers (3:1-13)

1. Overseers (3:1-7)

2. Deacons (3:8-13)

C. Purpose of These Instructions (3:14-16)

VI. Instructions concerning False Teaching (ch. 4)

A. False Teaching Described (4:1-5)

B. Methods of Dealing with It Explained (4:6-16)

VII. Instructions concerning Different Groups in the Church (5:1-6:2)

A. The Older and the Younger (5:1-2)

B. Widows (5:3-16)

C. Elders (5:17-25)

D. Slaves (6:1-2)

VIII. Miscellaneous Matters (6:3-19)

A. False Teachers (6:3-5)

B. Love of Money (6:6-10)

C. Charge to Timothy (6:11-16)

D. The Rich (6:17-19)