

December 18/Day 352

1 Timothy 1

Verse 1

- Who is the author of this letter?
- What are we told about him?
- Who is our hope? Remember, hope in the Scriptures is not wishful thinking, hope is a guarantee not yet received.

Verse 2

- To whom does the author write this letter?
- In what way is he the author's child?

Verses 3-7

- Where did Paul urge Timothy to remain?
- What was Timothy to instruct?
- What do myths and genealogies give rise to? What is wrong with this?
- What were the men who strayed from sincere faith do? Did they understand the gospel teachings?

Verses 8-11

- How is the Law good and for whom was it intended?
- What kinds of behaviors are listed here together as lawless, rebellious, and contrary to sound teaching? Do any of these surprise you? Do any seem like maybe they aren't as bad as others?

Verses 12-17

- What did the Lord do with Paul because he considered him faithful?
- Can the Lord use someone who has persecuted the church in the past?
- What kind of people did Jesus come to save? Righteous people?

Verses 18-20

- Previously, Paul called Timothy his child; what does he call him here?
- What did he tell Timothy he would need to do in the last phrase of verse 18? So, he was not to be passive? He was to be active?
- Name the two men who blasphemed. What did Paul do with them? What does this mean? Think about it, if they belong to the Lord, how could they be handed over to satan?

1 Timothy 2

Verses 1-7

- What four things were to be made on behalf of all men? How many men? Just the men we like? Just the ones who are our friends? Just those who can do something for us?
- According to verse 2, for whom specifically are we to pray and why?
- What does God desire for all men?
- Who is the mediator between God and man? Is there then any other way to God apart from through the bloodied sacrifice of Jesus Christ?

Verse 8

- I have heard quite a few pastors claim that the lifting of hands is worldly and an action in the flesh. What does Paul say about it? What kinds of hands are they and who would have these kinds of hands?

Verses 9-15

- How are women to adorn themselves?
- He's not saying there is anything wrong with braided hair or dressing up. Instead, he's saying, besides modesty, these outward things don't matter. What truly makes a woman beautiful is how she carries herself.
- Paul has previously talked about how a woman should receive instruction quietly, because the Gentile women were loud and boisterous and tended to cause distractions by speaking out in the assembly; therefore, they should receive the instruction quietly and ask her husband at home to explain what she may not understand. (1 Cor 14:35)
- Paul is saying women are not to usurp authority over a man, which means to take it by force or take it wrongfully, but if a man is willing to sit under a woman's teaching in a class or lecture, Scripture does not say there is a problem with this, though I believe Scripture makes it clear that some offices within a body of believers have been made to be filled by men as we will see below. This is why we are seeing what God says about these things, so you have the tools to decide for yourself.
- Then Paul reminds us again how the headship works pertaining to husband and wife.

1 Timothy 3

Verses 1-7

- Remember, this instruction is to Timothy about the early church.
- In regard to the office of the overseer, what are we told? Who might aspire to this office? What must he be like? We might call this man the Senior Pastor.
- Husband of one wife literally means one wife at a time in a culture when men had many wives. This has nothing to do with divorce.

- Why do you think it would be necessary for him to be free from the love of money?
- Why does managing his household and his children matter?
- Why would an overseer who is a new believer be problematic?
- What about his reputation outside the church?

Verses 8-13

- Deacon means “servant”. Do the deacons in your church serve the body, or serve themselves? Do they act as servants or a governing body?
- What are the requirements for deacons?
- How are the women of the church to behave?

Verses 14-16

- What was Paul’s purpose of writing this letter to Timothy?

1 Timothy 4

Verses 1-5

- What will happen in later times?
- What will deceive them and cause them to do this?
- Will mankind have anything to do with this? What kind of men are mentioned?
- Verses 3-5 is just talking about some of the false teachings he is warning Timothy about.

Verses 6-10

- What will pointing out these things make Timothy?
- According to verse 7, what is the false teachings like?
- How are godliness and bodily discipline contrasted? Bodily discipline is like will power. It is quote possible to be self-controlled within the flesh. How is godliness different?

Verses 11-16

- What personal issue might come into play for Timothy?
- What other instruction does he give for Timothy personally?

1 Timothy 5

Verses 1-2

- Who is Paul speaking to personally when he says not to rebuke an older man? Is this a message to us or to him? How do women come into play?

Verses 3-8

- Who should take care of widows before the church does?
- What about widows indeed? What about widows who seek their own pleasure?
- What does verse 8 say? What about dead-beat parents? What about those who refuse to work? What about laziness? What about welfare?

Verses 9-16

- Why do you think Paul makes distinctions between these widows, those whom the church should and should not support?
- Is there any application for us in regard to those we serve as a church?
- What do idle women do? What had this caused some widows to do?

Verses 17-22

- Remember, a man can be an elder in regard to age but the elder in a church is to be so in spiritual maturity. A man can be old and immature.
- What does he instruct regarding elders?

Verse 23

- What do we learn about Timothy's health here?
- What did Paul tell him to do about it? I know some Christians are tee-totalers, and that's okay, but did you know fermented items are great for the stomach and the intestines. They also aid with sleep which is great for the immune system and mental health. Gut problems can also cause mental and mood issues. With the majority of our immune system contained in our gut, it would be good to tend to it from time-to-time. Certainly, Scripture says not to be drunk, but to be filled with the Spirit, the difference is the overabundance.

Verses 24-25

- Why is he talking about the sins of some here? Remember context.

1 Timothy 6

Verses 1-2

- Paul has taught on the relationship between the slave and the master before. He is not advocating for slavery but under Roman rule slavery was a way of life. Paul is saying if this is the circumstance under which God has placed you, this is how you are to behave. Why?

- What seemed to be going on with some slaves now that they or their masters were believers?

Verses 3-10

- Unto what does true doctrine conform?
- How does the conceited man use words for his benefit? Should we as believers be careful about being taken in by someone's words?
- In what way did these men suppose godliness a means of great gain?
- What is the root of all evil? Money? Or the love of money?
- What has this love of money caused some to do?

Verses 11-16

- From what is the man of God to flee? Remember context.
- Instead of pursuing money, what should be pursued?
- With what did Paul charge Timothy?

Verses 17-19

- What are those rich in this world to do?

Verses 20-21

- What was Timothy to guard?
- What was he to avoid?
- What has some "knowledge" caused to happen to some?
- Is there any application for us?

See you tomorrow.