

1 Timothy : 2 Timothy

1 – 1 Timothy 1:1-2 (And Acts 14:8-20; 16:1-5)

Who was Timothy? What happened in Timothy's hometown (Lystra)? How was Timothy introduced to Paul? Paul's son? What kind of training did Timothy receive to become a missionary like Paul? (read Acts 16-28!) How does this compare to the training of pastors today?

2 – 1 Timothy 1:3-4 (And Acts 18:18-22; 19:1-20:6)

This is after Paul's 4th missionary journey – following his 2-year house-arrest in Rome (Acts 28:30-31). What had Timothy experienced in Ephesus? (read [Acts 18:18-22](#)) Note Priscilla & Aquila are left in Ephesus and what happened on Paul's 3rd missionary journey (Acts 19:1- 20:6)

3 – 1 Timothy 1:3-11—False Teachings Of The Law

What is “God's work”? How do some work against this? How can we know “sound doctrine”?

4 – 1 Timothy 1:12-17—A Trustworthy Saying!

What is the trustworthy saying? What makes it trustworthy? How does it apply to you and me?

5 – 1 Timothy 1:18-20—Fight The Good Fight

Who is Timothy to be “fighting” against? How does a person “make shipwreck” of their faith? What does it mean to “hand over to Satan”? (see [1 Corinthians 5:1-5](#))

6 – 1 Timothy 2:1-7—Public Worship

What is the purpose of public worship? How are we to pray for “those in authority” (our president, Congress, Senators, governor, etc.)

7 – 1 Timothy 2:8-15—Men And Women In Worship

Why the definite instructions to men and women? What do we say to those who say these verses are historically conditioned (speak only to Paul's time and not to our day today) – and who promote women's ordination? (look ahead to Ch. 3)

8 – 1 Timothy 3:1-13—Pastors And Elders

What are the qualifications of a pastor (overseer)? How does this compare to the qualifications of any Christian? What is the difference between an “overseer” and a “deacon”?

9 – 1 Timothy 3:14-16—Mystery Of Godliness

How are “people to conduct themselves in God's household”? Who is the mystery of godliness? Why this description?

10 – 1 Timothy 4:1-10—Another Trustworthy Saying!

How was Timothy to “train himself to be godly”? What does this mean for us today?

11 – 1 Timothy 4:11-16—Watch Your Life And Doctrine

Should pastors be held to a higher standard? Why or why not? How can we also “watch our life and doctrine closely”?

12 – 1 Timothy 5:1-20—Widows, Elders And Slaves

Why would Timothy need this practical advice? What ministry do we have to widows? Widowers?

13 – 1 Timothy 5:21- 6:2—Keep Yourself Pure

What temptations does Paul warn against? What are his words to slaves? How does this apply to us today?

14 – 1 Timothy 6:3-10—Godliness With Contentment

How can a person be “robbed of the truth”? How is “the love of money a root of all evil”? What is “godliness with contentment”?

15 – 1 Timothy 6:11-16—Fight The Good Fight (Take 2)

(review 1:18-20) – What was “the good confession” that Timothy made? Do we also make it? When? How?

16 – 1 Timothy 6:17-21—Rich In Good Deeds

What does it mean to “put your hope in God”? How do we “lay up treasures for ourselves”? What causes some to “wander from the faith”? How can we avoid this?

17 – 2 Timothy 1:1-7—Sincere Faith

Did Paul serve God as his forefather’s did? How could he have a clear conscience? Why would Timothy have tears? Is “faith” a family affair? What is “the gift of God” through Paul’s laying of hands?

18 – 2 Timothy 1:8-14—Not Ashamed

Why was Timothy ashamed? What causes us to be ashamed? Why was Paul suffering? Why was Paul not ashamed? (note both reasons - v.12) How was Timothy to “guard the good deposit”? How do we “guard” it? (or do we?)

19 – 2 Timothy 1:15-18—Feeling Alone / Deserted

Paul is probably writing from a cold, damp dungeon - see v.17. Why would Paul feel deserted? What possible reasons might have Phygelus and Hermogenes not have been with Paul if what Paul writes is hyperbole (exaggeration)? (look ahead to 4:21)

20 – 2 Timothy 2:1-13—Trustworthy Teachings (Take 2)

Having already written this to Timothy, why does Paul write it again? Note the “entrust to reliable men, qualified to teach others” for Timothy. What is one of the major tasks of Pastors and teachers? Soldier, athlete and farmer - what is Paul’s message? How might God’s Word be “chained”? (Martin Luther’s day, the Bible was chained to a table because it was so expensive and rare - what about today? How might it still be “chained”?) What is the wonderful “surprise” in this “trustworthy saying”?

21 – 2 Timothy 2:14-26—A Workman Not Ashamed

Why do we need to be reminded often? How can we be “one approved by God”? What is “quarreling about words”, “godless chatter” and “foolish arguments”? Why are these to be avoided? What is “God’s solid foundation”? What are the qualifications of “God’s servant”?

22 – 2 Timothy 3—Avoid Godlessness

What are examples of godlessness? What is “a form of godliness”? How is Paul’s life a good example for Timothy and for us? What can we expect as we live in these latter days? What strengthens, preserves and equips us?

23 – 2 Timothy 4:1-8—Preach, Keep Your Head

How do we “preach the Word” (i.e. Who is “the Word”?) What is “in season”? “out of season”? What does it mean to “keep your head in all situations”? What does Paul know the future holds for him? for Timothy? for you and me?

24 – 2 Timothy 4:9-22—Personal Requests

What would be involved for Timothy to “come to Paul”? Why had the others left Paul? Why was Luke still with him? How can we know if there are “Alexanders” in the church today? What was the blessing that came out of Paul’s first defense? In v.22, it literally says, “Grace be with you’all” (plural). How would this be encouragement for Timothy?