
1 Timothy

I. Conduct in the Church (1:1--3:16)

A. The Purity of the Gospel in the Church (1:1-20)

1. Salutation (1:1-2)
2. Love is superior to the law (1:3-7).
 - a. The Dangers of False Teachings (1:3-4)
 - b. The Ultimate Goal of the Gospel (1:5)
 - c. The Failure of the False Teachers (1:6-7)
3. The law points out the need for the gospel (1:8-11).
 - a. The Law has an Appropriate Purpose (1:8).
 - b. The Law Identifies Sin (1:9-10).
 - c. The Law Directs the Sinner to the Gospel (1:11).
4. The gospel highlights the mercy of God (1:12-17),
 - a. The gospel produces a remarkable transformation (1:12-14).
 - b. The gospel fulfills the purpose of Christ's coming (1:15-16).
 - c. The gospel evokes praise to God as King (1:17).
5. Upholding the gospel involves spiritual warfare (1:18-20).
 - a. Defending the faith is an intensive commitment (1:18-19a).
 - b. Departing from the faith is a serious offense (1:19b-20).

B. The Priority of Prayer in the Church (2:1-7)

1. The Recipients of Prayer (2:1-2)
 - a. The Primary Nature of Prayer (2:1a)
 - b. The Multi-Faceted Elements of Prayer (2:1b)
 - c. The Universal Focus of Prayer (2:1c-2a)
 - d. The Practical Purpose of Prayer (2:2b)

2. The Reasons for Prayer (2:3-7)
 - a. Prayer pleases God (2:3).
 - b. Prayer fits within God's redemptive purposes (2:4).
 - c. Prayer exalts the saving work of Christ (2:5-6).
 - d. Prayer advances the work of God's servants (2:7).

- C. The Role of Men and Women in the Church (2:8-15)
 1. The Attitude of Men in Prayer (2:8)
 2. The Appearance of Women in Worship (2:9-10)
 3. The Participation of Women in Worship (2:11-15)
 - a. An Exhortation Concerning the Role of Women in Worship (2:11-12)
 - b. An Explanation Concerning the Role of Women in Worship (2:13-14)
 - c. An Expectation for the Role of Women in the Home (2:15)

- D. The Qualifications for Leaders in the Church (3:1-16)
 1. Overseers (3:1-7)
 - a. The Inner Call of the Overseer (3:1)
 - b. The Character Traits of an Overseer (3:2-3)
 - c. The Family Life of an Overseer (3:4-5)
 - d. The Experience of an Overseer (3:6)
 - e. The Outward Testimony of an Overseer (3:7)

 2. Deacons (3:8-13)
 - a. The Character Traits of a Deacon (3:8)
 - b. The Doctrinal Convictions of a Deacon (3:9)
 - c. The Practical Experience of a Deacon (3:10)
 - d. The Qualifications of the Wife of a Deacon (3:11)
 - e. The Family Life of a Deacon (3:12)
 - f. The Spiritual Rewards of a Deacon (3:13)

 3. Timothy's Leadership (3:14-16)
 - a. Proper Conduct in the Church (3:14-15)
 - b. Accurate Doctrine in the Church (3:16)

I I. Corrections in the Church (4:1--6:21)

A. The Problem of Errors in Doctrine (4:1-16)

1. Recognizing False Doctrine (4:1-5)

- a. The Ultimate Source of False Doctrine (4:1)
- b. The Human Promoters of False Doctrine (4:2)
- c. The Counterfeit Spirituality of False Doctrine (4:3-5)

2. Resisting False Doctrine (4:6-10)

- a. Feeding on the Truth (4:6)
- b. Exercising Spiritual Godliness (4:7-8)
- c. Laboring in the Hope of the Living God (4:9-10)

3. Refuting False Doctrine (4:11-16)

- a. Through Pastoral Exhortation (4:11)
- b. Through Personal Example (4:12)
- c. Through Public Proclamation (4:13-14)
- d. Through Practical Devotion (4:15-16)

B. The Problem of Errors in Practice (5:1--6:21)

1. Personal Relationships (5:1-2)

2. Care for Widows (5:3-16)

- a. The Proper Care for Widows (5:3-8)
- b. The Proper Identification of Widows (5:9-10)
- c. The Proper Attitude of Younger Widows (5:11-15)
- d. The Proper Source of Care for Widows (5:16)

3. Responsibilities to Elders (5:17-25)

- a. Respecting Elders in the Church (5:17-18)
- b. Protecting Elders in the Church (5:19)
- c. Rebuking Elders in the Church (5:20)
- d. Dealing Fairly with Elders in the Church (5:21)
- e. Ordaining Elders in the Church (5:22-25)

(1) Ordain elders only after allowing time for spiritual maturity (5:22).

(2) Ordain elders without fear of legalism (5:23).

(3) Ordain elders only after careful examination (5:24-25).

4. Relationship of Slaves to Masters (6:1-2)

- a. Slaves should honor their unbelieving masters (6:1).
- b. Slaves should diligently serve their believing masters (6:2a).
- c. Timothy was to teach the believing slaves these principles (6:2b).

5. Warnings to the Wealthy (6:3-19)

a. Money and the False Teachers (6:3-5)

- (1) False teachers reject Christ and godliness (6:3).
- (2) False teachers embrace pride and contention (6:4).
- (3) False teachers are corrupt in mind and void of the truth (6:5).

b. Money and Contentment (6:6-10)

- (1) Godliness with contentment is great gain (6:6-8).
- (2) The love of money is the root of all evil (6:9-10).

c. Money and Life's Higher Calling (6:11-16)

- (1) Life's higher calling includes the pursuit of personal character (6:11-12).
- (2) Life's higher calling includes the anticipation of Christ's glorious return (6:13-16).

d. Money and Proper Stewardship (6:17-19)

- (1) The Proper Use of Financial Wealth (6:17-18)
- (2) The Proper Motivation for Godly Stewardship (6:19)

6. Final Charge to Timothy (6:20-21)