

First Timothy

1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ, who is our hope;

1:2 To Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1:3 As I asked you to stay still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that you might charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause arguments, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

1:5 Now the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of sincere faith:

1:6 From which some having swerved having turned aside to idle talk;

1:7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor of what they affirm.

1:8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

1:10 For fornicators, for homosexuals, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

1:11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has enabled me, for he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

1:13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of who I am chief.

1:16 However for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to those who are about to believe on Him to life everlasting.

1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1:18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on you, that you by them might wage a good warfare;

1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

1:20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered to Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2:2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;

2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;

2:6 Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

2:7 For whom I am ordained a herald, and an apostle, -I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not- a teacher of the nations in faith and truth.

2:8 I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without anger and disputing.

2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with proper clothing and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

2:10 But which becomes women professing godliness with good works.

2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

2:12 But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

2:15 Nonetheless she will be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and holiness with self-control.

3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of an elder, he desires a good work.

3:2 An elder then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, self-controlled, of good behavior, given to hospitality, able to teach;

3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of money ; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

3:4 One that rules well his own house, having his children in subjection with all reverence;

3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the assembly of God?)

3:6 Not a new believer, unless being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

3:7 Moreover he must have a good reputation of those who are outside; unless he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

3:8 Likewise must the deacons be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money;

3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

3:10 And let these also first be tested; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

3:11 Even so must their wives be reverent, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

3:12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

3:13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well secure for themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

3:14 These things write I to you, hoping to come to you shortly:

3:15 But if I wait long, that you may know how you ought to behave yourself in the house of God, which is the assembly of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached to the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

4:1 Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons;

4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

4:3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods, which God has created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

4:6 If you put the brothers in remembrance of these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of sound doctrine, to which you have attained.

4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself rather to godliness.

4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little: but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is about to come.

4:9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

4:10 Therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those that believe.

4:11 These things command and teach.

4:12 Let no man despise your youth; but be an example to the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

4:13 Until I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in you, which was given you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands by the elders.

4:15 Meditate on these things; give yourself wholly to them; that your progress may appear to all.

4:16 Take heed to yourself, and to the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this you will both save yourself, and them that hear you.

5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brothers;

5:2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

5:3 Honor widows that are widows indeed.

5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show respect at home, and to repay their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

5:5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusts in God, and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.

5:6 But she that lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.

5:7 And these things charge, that they may be blameless.

5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

5:9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under sixty years old, having been the wife of one man.

5:10 Well known of for good works; if she has raised children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

5:11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they will marry;

5:12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

5:13 And beside this they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but gossips also and busy-bodies, speaking things which they ought not.

5:14 Therefore I desire that the younger women marry, bear children, manage the house, give no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

5:15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.

5:16 If any man or woman that believes has widows, let them help them, and let not the assembly be charged; that it may help them that are widows indeed.

5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.

5:18 For the scripture says, You will not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward.

5:19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

5:21 I charge you before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality.

5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep yourself pure.

5:23 Drink no longer only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your often infirmities.

5:24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.

5:25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

6:1 Let as many bondservants count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and His doctrine be not blasphemed.

6:2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brothers; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

6:4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but obsessed about disputes and strife of words, of which comes envy, slanders, strife, evil suspicions,

6:5 Useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that godliness is a means of gain: from such withdraw yourself.

6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

6:8 And having food and clothing let us be therefore content.

6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

6:10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

6:11 But you, Oh man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you are also called, and have professed a good profession before many witnesses.

6:13 I give you charge in the sight of God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

6:14 That you keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

6:15 Which in His times He will show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords;

6:16 Who only has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach into; whom no man has seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.

6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not haughty, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy;

6:18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to share;

6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time about to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

6:20 Oh Timothy, keep that which is committed to your trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

6:21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.