

A Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 18: 1 Timothy

“How to Behave in Church”

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Summary: Paul gives Timothy and other church members instructions for proper behavior in the local church (3:15).

Author: _____

- He identified himself as the author (1:1).
- Church fathers identified as the author.
- Suggesting another author violates the principle against lying in 2 Tim. 3:13.

Important People:

- Paul: The _____
- Timothy: The _____

Recipient: _____

- He was the son of a Jewish woman and a Greek father.
- He was from Derbe and Lystra (Acts 16:1).
- He joined Paul on his _____ missionary journey (16:3a).
- He continued to assist Paul, even until he was in prison in Rome (Col. 1:1).
- Became Paul’s likeminded assistant (Phil. 2:19-22)

Date:

- After the first Roman imprisonment
- After visiting _____ again, Paul went into Macedonia leaving Timothy behind (1 Tim. 1:3).
- While he was in Macedonia, Paul wrote to encourage Timothy.
- AD _____

Key Question: Was Paul imprisoned twice? Probably so...

- _____ were written as legal defenses for Paul’s life and ministry to prove that he was not a state criminal.
- Paul’s letter to _____ indicates his anticipation of a soon release (Ph. 22).
- Paul’s letter to the Philippians indicates he was expecting news of release very soon (Phil. 2:23)
- Paul also was confident that he would be spared for the church’s _____ (Phil. 1:21-26).
- Nowhere in Acts did Paul leave Timothy in Ephesus while he went into _____ (1 Tim. 1:3).

Book Content Overview:

- Introduction (1:1-2)
- Teach the _____ not to teach another doctrine (1:3-17)
 - Do not pursue worthless questions (3-7).
 - The purpose of the law is to condemn sinners (8-11).
 - But God's grace can take a sinner and put him in ministry (12-17).
- Teach the leaders to hold fast to the _____ they have received (1:18-20).
- Teach them to _____ for all men (2:1-8).
- Teach the _____ to observe order in the church (2:9-15).
 - Adorn themselves with modest apparel and good works.
 - Do not subvert authority over men.
- Teach the bishops and deacons to keep their _____ in order (3:1-16).
 - Pastors (1-7)
 - Deacons (8-13)
- Teach them good doctrine (4:1-16)
 - Remind them of the truth when false teachers come (1-7a).
 - Exercise toward godliness (7b-8).
 - Take heed to your doctrine to preserve those you are responsible for (9-16).
- Teach individuals in the church to behave properly within their _____ (5:1-6:2).
 - The church is a family (5:1-2).
 - Instructions for widows (5:3-16)
 - Instructions for elders (5:17-25)
 - Instructions for slaves (6:1-2)
- Teach the church to be content with _____ (6:3-19).
 - Withdraw from those who view gain as godliness (3-5).
 - Godliness displays contentment (6-11).
 - A charge: observe these instructions (12-16).
 - A charge to the rich (17-19)
- Conclusion: avoid vain babblings (6:20-21)

Key Theme: Vain Pursuits vs. Edification

- Paul names several opposing pairs that contrast vain pursuits with good actions that edify the church
 - 1:4. Fables and endless genealogies vs. godly edifying
 - 1:6-7. Vain jangling vs. proper understanding of the law
 - 4:6-7. Profane and vain old wives' fables vs. faith and good doctrine
 - 4:7-8. Bodily exercise vs. godliness
 - 6:20. Profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science vs. the committed faith

Application: Don't be distracted by vain pursuits which distract from godliness.