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The Chapters of 1 Timothy

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1 Timothy

SECTION OUTLINE ONE (1 TIMOTHY 1)

Paul opens his first letter to Timothy with a warning against false teaching and a set of instructions for Timothy.

- I. THE WELL-BELOVED OF PAUL (1:1-2): Timothy is Paul's beloved spiritual son in the faith.
- II. THE WARNING BY PAUL (1:3-11): The apostle urges Timothy to remain in Ephesus so that he might counteract some false teachings in regard to the law of Moses.
 - A. The perverting of the Law of Moses (3:1-7)
 - 1. The perverters (1:3a): They are self-appointed "experts" of the law, going about spreading their poison.
 - 2. The perversion (1:3b-7): These men have added a grievous mixture of myths, fables, and endless genealogies to the law.
 - B. The purpose of the Law of Moses (3:8-11)
 - 1. It was not made to control saved people (1:8a).
 - 2. It was made to control unsaved people (1:8b-11).
- III. THE WITNESS BY PAUL (1:12-17): Here the apostle expresses his profound thanksgiving for God's faithfulness.
 - A. What God did (1:12, 14-15)
 - 1. He saved Paul (1:14-15).
 - 2. He selected Paul (1:12).
 - B. When God did it (1:13): At the time, the apostle was a blasphemer and violent persecutor of Christians.
 - C. Why God did it (1:16-17): He did it to demonstrate his amazing grace to even the worst of sinners.
- IV. THE WISDOM BY PAUL (1:18-20)
 - A. What Timothy is to do (1:18-19b)
 - 1. Fight the good fight (1:18).
 - 2. Keep the faith (1:19a).
 - 3. Maintain a clear conscience (1:19b).
 - B. What Hymenaeus and Alexander have done (1:19c-20)
 - 1. Their perversion (1:19c): They have made a shipwreck of their faith, bringing shame to the name of Christ.
 - 2. Their punishment (1:20): Paul has delivered them over to Satan.

SECTION' OUTLINE TWO (1 TIMOTHY 2)

Paul writes about proper worship of God.

- I. THE WORSHIP OF GOD (2:1-2, 8): Paul discusses the subject of prayer.
 - A. For whom we should pray (2:1-2a)
 - 1. For those in authority (2:2a)
 - 2. For everyone (2:1)
 - B. Why we should pray (2:2b): "So that we can live in peace and quietness."
 - C. How we should pray (2:8): "With holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy."
- II. THE WILL OF GOD (2:3-7)

- A. The mission (2:3-4): "God ... wants everyone to be saved."
- B. The mediator (2:5): Jesus Christ stands between God and people.
- C. The method (2:6): Salvation was effected by the death of Christ.
- D. The messenger (2:7): Paul has been chosen by God to serve as a missionary to the Gentiles.

III. THE WOMAN OF GOD (2:9-15)

- A. Her responsibilities (2:9-11)
 - 1. In matters of apparel (2:9-10): She should dress modestly as one who professes to worship God.
 - 2. In matters of attitude (2:11): She should listen and learn quietly and humbly.
- B. Her restrictions (2:12-14)
 - 1. The rule (2:12): The woman is not permitted to teach or have authority over a man.
 - 2. The reason (2:13-14): Two factors are given.
 - a. The factor of the original creation (2:13): Adam was created before Eve.
 - b. The factor of the original corruption (2:14): Adam was not deceived by Satan as was the woman.
- C. Her redemption (2:15): She will be "saved" through childbearing and by living in faith, love, holiness, and modesty.

SECTION OUTLINE THREE (1 TIMOTHY 3)

Paul gives qualifications for pastors and deacons in the church and gives a sixfold summary of Jesus' earthly ministry.

I. THE SHEPHERDS FOR THE CHURCH (3:1-13)

- A. Qualifications for a pastor (3:1-7)
 - 1. Positive qualifications (3:1-2, 3c-5, 7)
 - a. He must be above reproach (3:1-2a).
 - b. He must have only one wife and be faithful to her (3:2b).
 - c. He must be temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, and able to teach (3:2c).
 - d. He must be gentle and have a well-behaved family (3:3c-5).
 - e. He must be respected by those outside the church (3:7).
 - 2. Negative qualifications (3:3a-3b, 3d, 6)
 - a. He must not be a heavy drinker (3:3a).
 - b. He must not be violent (3:3b).
 - c. He must not be proud (3:6b).
 - d. He must not be greedy (3:3d).
 - e. He must not be a new Christian (3:6a).
- B. Qualifications for a deacon (3:8-13)
 - 1. Positive qualifications (3:8a, 9-13)
 - a. He must be sincere and worthy of respect (3:8a).
 - b. He must be a man of spiritual depth (3:9).
 - c. He must be a man of proven character and ability (3:10).
 - d. He must be faithful to his wife, and his wife must be a woman of good character (3:11-13).
 - 2. Negative qualifications (3:8b-8c)
 - a. He must not be a heavy drinker (3:8b).
 - b. He must not be greedy (3:8c).

II. THE SHEEP IN THE CHURCH (3:14-15): Paul tells Timothy to instruct the congregation concerning how they should behave themselves in the house of God.

III. THE SAVIOR OF THE CHURCH (3:16): In this single and supreme verse, Paul gives a sixfold summary of Jesus' earthly ministry.

- A. He appeared in a body (3:16a).
- B. He was vindicated by the Spirit (3:16b).
- C. He was seen by angels (3:16c).
- D. He was announced to the nations (3:16d).

- E. He was believed on in the world (3:16e).
- F. He was taken up into heaven (3:16f).

SECTION OUTLINE FOUR (1 TIMOTHY 4)

Paul contrasts two kinds of shepherds.

- I. GODLESS SHEPHERDS (4:1-5): Paul warns Timothy against false teachers.
 - A. Who they are (4:2): Hypocritical and lying religious leaders.
 - B. What they will do (4:1b-1c, 3)
 - 1. Abandon the faith (4:1b)
 - 2. Follow teachings that come from lying spirits and demons (4:1c)
 - 3. Forbid marriage and the eating of certain foods (4:3)
 - C. When they will do it (4:1a): In the "last times" before Jesus' coming.
 - D. Why they are wrong (4:4-5)
 - 1. Everything God created is good and thus should not be rejected (4:4).
 - 2. Everything God created is made holy by God's Word and by prayer (4:5).
- II. GODLY SHEPHERDS (4:6-16): Paul lists some dos and don'ts concerning Christian ministry.
 - A. The don'ts (4:7a, 12a, 14)
 - 1. Don't waste time arguing over foolish ideas and silly myths (4:7a).
 - 2. Don't be intimidated because of your youth (4:12a).
 - 3. Don't neglect your spiritual gift (4:14).
 - B. The dos (4:6, 7b-11, 12b-13, 15-16)
 - 1. Warn the church members concerning apostasy (4:6).
 - 2. Keep spiritually fit (4:7b-11).
 - 3. Be a godly role model in all you do (4:12b).
 - 4. Continue to publicly read, teach, and preach the Word of God (4:13).
 - 5. Give yourself wholly to the ministry (4:15).
 - 6. Keep close check on your own life (4:16).

SECTION OUTLINE FIVE (1 TIMOTHY 5)

Paul gives advice concerning older and younger men, older and younger women, widows, and church elders.

- I. THE PEOPLE (5:1-16): Paul gives advice concerning church members.
 - A. In regard to older men (5:1a): Treat them as respected fathers.
 - B. In regard to younger men (5:1b): Treat them as brothers.
 - C. In regard to older women (5:2a): Treat them as mothers.
 - D. In regard to younger women (5:2b): Treat them as sisters.
 - E. In regard to widows (5:3-16)
 - 1. Older widows (5:3-10, 16)
 - a. Widows who are over sixty, godly, and have no living children (5:3, 5, 9-10, 16): These are to be honored and provided for.
 - b. Widows who have living children and grandchildren (5:4, 8, 16): They are to be cared for by their families.
 - c. Widows who are carnal and live only for pleasure (5:6-7): They are to receive no help.
 - 2. Younger widows (5:11-15)
 - a. The rule (5:11-12, 14): Let them remarry and raise children.
 - b. The reason (5:13, 15): This will keep them from immorality and idle talk.
- II. THE PREACHERS (5:17-25): Paul's advice concerning church elders.
 - A. Elders in general (5:17-22, 24-25)
 - 1. They are worthy of double honor (5:17-18).
 - 2. They must never be unjustly accused (5:19-20, 24-25).
 - 3. They must be impartial (5:21).
 - 4. They must be proven before being ordained (5:22a).

5. They must keep themselves pure (5:22b).
- B. Timothy in particular (5:23): "Drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often."

SECTION OUTLINE SIX (1 TIMOTHY 6)

Paul addresses the workers, the wicked, the wise, and the wealthy. He closes his letter with some final instructions for Timothy.

- I. PAUL'S WORDS TO THE PEOPLE (6:1-10): Paul addresses four types of individuals.
 - A. The workers (6:1-2): Paul urges Christian servants to render faithful service to their masters, lest the name of God be slandered.
 - B. The wicked (6:3-5)
 1. They deny the faith (6:3-4a).
 2. They are conceited and argumentative (6:4b).
 3. They cause confusion, envy, and friction (6:4c).
 4. They use spiritual things for financial gain (6:5).
 - C. The wise (6:6-8): They realize that godliness with contentment is great gain.
 - D. The wealthy (6:9-10)
 1. The desire (6:10): "The love of money is at the root of all kinds of evil."
 2. The destruction (6:9): This kind of greed, if unchecked, will result in ruin and destruction.
- II. PAUL'S WORDS TO THE PASTOR (6:11-21)
 - A. What Timothy is to do (6:11-14, 17-21)
 1. Flee from evil, and follow after good (6:11).
 2. Fight the good fight of faith (6:12).
 3. Faithfully fulfill your ministry (6:13-14, 20a).
 4. Warn the rich (6:17-19).
 - a. What they should do (6:17-18)
 - (1) Don't trust in your money (6:17).
 - (2) Use it to help others (6:18).
 - b. Why they should do it (6:19): God will reward them both on earth and in heaven.
 5. Reject godless philosophies (6:20b-21).
 - B. For whom Timothy is to do it (6:15-16): God.
 1. The blessed and only Almighty God (6:15a)
 2. The King of Kings (6:15b)
 3. The Lord of Lords (6:15c)
 4. The immortal and invisible God (6:16a)
 6. The One dwelling in unapproachable light (6:16b)