



Letters to Timothy

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- *Some questions have been adapted or quoted from Charles Willis' Workbook on 1st & 2nd Timothy with permission.*

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Background Information

I. Authorship & Recipient of Letters

A. *Paul (preacher, apostle, teacher) to Timothy (preacher)*

I Tim. 1:1-2; II Tim. 1:1-2; II Tim. 1:11; II Tim. 4:5; I Thess. 3:2; I Cor. 4:17; I Cor. 16:10; II Tim. 4:5

B. *What we know about Timothy*

1. **Timothy's mother and grand-mother were Christians; Father was a Greek; Lystra was home-town; good reputation**

Acts 16:1-5

II Tim. 1:5 – Grand-mother Lois, Mother Eunice were faithful

2. **With Paul during 2nd Journey**

Acts 16:1-5 – Paul takes Timothy with him from Lystra

3. **With Paul during 3rd Journey**

Acts 19:21-22

4. **With Paul during his 1st Roman Imprisonment**

Phil. 1:1; Phil. 2:19-24; Col. 1:1; Philemon 1

5. **Timothy was youthful**

I Tim. 4:12; II Tim. 2:22

6. **Timothy was taught scriptures from childhood**

II Tim. 3:15

7. **Prophecies made concerning Timothy**

I Tim. 1:18

8. **Timothy had spiritual gift**

I Tim. 4:14

II Tim. 1:6 – Imparted to Timothy by Paul himself

9. **Timothy was a man of God, with a sincere faith**

I Tim. 6:11 – called a man of God

I Thess. 3:2 – God’s fellow worker in the gospel of Christ
I Cor. 4:17 – Paul’s faithful child in the Lord
I Cor. 16:10 – Timothy is doing the Lord’s work
II Tim. 1:5 – Paul is mindful of sincere faith in Timothy
Heb. 13:23 – Timothy apparently imprisoned for his faith

10. Timothy knew a lot of early Christians

Luke, Silas, Erastus, Aquila and Priscilla, Sopater of Berea,
Aristarchus & Secundus of Thessalonica, Gaius of Derbe,
Tychicus & Trophimus of Asia, Corinthian brethren, Silvanus,
Thessalonian brethren, Onesimus, Ephesian brethren

11. Timothy with Paul when other letters were written

II Cor. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:1; I Thess. 1:1; II Thess. 1:1; Philemon
1:1

C. Paul’s relationship with Timothy

**1. Regarded as a son, true child in the faith, beloved son
fellow-worker, our brother, God’s minister in the
Gospel of Jesus Christ**

I Tim. 1:18; II Tim. 2:1; Rom. 16:21; Col. 1:1; I Thess. 3:2

2. Knew Timothy’s family – 3rd Generation Christian

Acts 16:1-5; II Tim. 1:5

3. Paul loved & depended on Timothy, worked together

Acts 16:1-5 – Began work during 2nd Missionary Journey
Acts 17:14-15 – Timothy in Berea with Paul, stays with Silas
Acts 18:5 – Timothy in Corinth, with Paul who devoted himself
completely to the word
Acts 19:22 – Paul sends Timothy to Macedonia, with Erastus
Acts 20:4 – Accompanied Paul in Greece
Phil. 2:19 – Paul wanted to send Timothy to Philippians
I Thess. 3:2 – Paul sent Timothy to Thessalonians
I Tim. 1:3 – Paul commanded Timothy to stay with Ephesians
I Tim. 3:14 – Paul hopes to come to see Timothy soon
II Tim. 1:4 – Paul longs to see Timothy; recalls his tears

II. Time of Writings

**A. I Timothy written after Paul’s release from 1st
Imprisonment in Rome during latter half of 63 AD**

- B. *II Timothy written during Paul's 2nd Imprisonment in Rome most likely just prior to his death at the hands of Nero around 67 AD***

III. Timothy's Situation at Ephesus

- A. *Timothy was charged by Paul to stay in Ephesus***
I Tim. 1:3
- B. *Paul had worked with the Ephesian church for 3 years***
Acts 20:31
- C. *Paul told the Ephesians before he departed that false teachers would come in among them from outside and from inside the church***
Acts 20:29-30
- D. *Ephesus was known to be a wealthy city and the place where the temple to the goddess Artemis was located***
I Tim. 6:9-10 – Warnings against the love of money
I Tim. 6:17-19 – Warnings against rich becoming conceited
- E. *By the content addressed in 1st and 2nd Timothy, false doctrinal issues were apparently creeping into the church at Ephesus***
I Tim. 1:7 – Some wanting to be teachers of law that know nothing
I Tim. 1:19-20 – False teachers named Hymenaeus and Alexander
I Tim. 5:15 – Some had already turned aside to follow Satan
I Tim. 6:20-21 – Gnosticism had begun to take root
II Tim. 2:17 – Hymenaeus and Philetus upset the faith of some with their false teaching about the resurrection
II Tim. 4:14 – Alexander the coppersmith was to be watched out for

IV. Purpose

- A. *Hold firm to the Truth against false teachers. The welfare of the church was at stake.***
I Tim. 1:18 – Fight the good fight
I Tim. 4:11 – Prescribe and teach these things
I Tim. 6:2 – Teach and preach these principles

II Tim. 2:14-15 – Remind them of these things, . . . be diligent
II Tim. 4:2 – Preach the word, reprove, rebuke, exhort with patience

B. Personal Instruction & Encouragement for Timothy

I Tim. 3:14-15 – Timothy will know how to conduct himself
I Tim. 4:6 – To be a good servant of Christ Jesus
I Tim. 4:7 – To have discipline for purpose of godliness
I Tim. 4:12 – Let no one look down on your youthfulness, be an example
I Tim. 4:15 – Dedicate himself to the work
I Tim. 5:21 – Charged to maintain principles without partiality
I Tim. 6:13 – Keep the commandment without stain or reproach
II Tim. 1:8 – Suffer for the gospel without shame
II Tim. 2:1 – Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus
II Tim. 2:3 – Suffer hardship
II Tim. 6:13 – Keep the commandment without stain or reproach

Key Passages for Memory Work

I Timothy 1:5

“But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

I Timothy 2:5

“For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”

I Timothy 2:11-12

“A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.”

I Timothy 3:15

“but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.”

I Timothy 4:8

“for bodily discipline is only a little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”

I Timothy 6:3-4a

“If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing,”

I Timothy 6:6-7

“But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.”

II Timothy 1:13

“Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”

II Timothy 2:15

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:22

“Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.”

II Timothy 2:24-25a

“The Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition,”

II Timothy 3:16

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

II Timothy 4:2

“preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patient and instruction.”

I Timothy – Lesson 2

Sound Doctrine

1. **Read 1st Timothy 1**
2. Why was Timothy left in Ephesus (v.3-4)?
3. Explain how “teachers of the law” (v.7) are connected to “fruitless discussion” (v.6)
4. How did Jesus strengthen Paul (v.12)?
5. How is Paul’s salvation an example for us (v.16)?
6. Explain why faith and a good conscience are both necessary (v.19)?

I Timothy – Lesson 3

Prayer & Gender Roles

1. **Read I Timothy 2**

2. What should be our attitude toward politicians and civil authorities (v.2-3)? Why?

3. Paul taught in “faith and truth” (v.7). What is he saying?

4. Explain the phrase “lifting up holy hands” (v.8)?

5. How would a woman violate verse 12?

6. Why are women to receive instruction with entire submissiveness (v.12-14)?

I Timothy – Lesson 4

Elders

1. **Read I Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17-20**
2. Why are there “family” qualifications for elders?
3. Why can an elder not be a new convert?
4. Can a preacher be an elder? Why or why not? (v.17)
5. What specific instructions are given to the young preacher in regard to Elders? (v.19-22)?

I Timothy – Lesson 7

Relationships with Brethren

1. Read I Timothy 5

2. Describe the difference between a rebuke and a sharp rebuke (v.1)?

3. What is meant by “purity” in verse 2?

4. Who is a “widow indeed” (v.3-5)?

5. Who is responsible to care for widows? Consider carefully in light of verse 8 and 16.

6. What list (v.9)? What qualifications are given for a widow to be on “the list”?

7. Discuss why verse 23 does or does not authorize modern “casual drinking” of alcoholic beverages.

I Timothy – Lesson 8

Things Ministers Must Teach and Do

1. Read I Timothy 6

2. How does Paul define “sound words”?
3. What is wrong with wanting to “get rich” (v.9-10)?
4. From what is the minister to flee, and what is he to pursue (v.11)?
5. Of what significance is Paul’s statement: “I charge you in the presence of God” (v.13)?
6. What was Paul’s charge to Timothy?

II Timothy – Lesson 10

Fruitful and Rewarding Evangelism

- 1. Read II Timothy 2:1-13**
2. How can Timothy be strong in the grace (v.1)?
3. Explain how the gospel is intended to be spread. What is God's plan for evangelism (v.2)?
4. Paul gives three figures to help us understand our work as Christians, particularly those who preach. Please, list the three figures and tell what is emphasized in each.
5. From the context of verses 11-13, what is meant by "denying Christ"? Describe any differences you see in the phrases "deny Him" and "faithless".

II Timothy – Lesson 11

Remind and Solemnly Charge

1. Read II Timothy 2:14-26

2. From verses 14-19 create a list of things about which Paul says the evangelist needs to be careful and diligent.

3. How does the foundation of God stand firm (v.19)?

4. What must we do to be prepared for every good work (v.21)?

5. What is a “youthful lust” from which we are to flee (v.22)?

6. What is the result of speculations (v.23)?

II Timothy – Lesson 12

Difficult Times Will Come

1. **Read II Timothy 3**
2. Describe the difficulties to come in the last days (v.1-6). Include some modern applications of these examples.
3. Who were Jannes and Jambres (v.9)? Who are they compared with?
4. What positive point does Paul emphasize in regard to his persecutions (v.11)?
5. Of what benefit is our study of the Old Testament (v.14-15)?
6. Make two good points about the truth presented in verse 16-17.

