

Series "Fixed On 66"
"1 Timothy"
Book-54

Key Passage – 1 Timothy 3:15

"The Pastoral Epistles," which are, **1, 2 Timothy** and **Titus**.

Paul, the seasoned minister, writes to young Pastor Timothy, who is young in the ministry, on how to put the Church of Ephesus in order.

How to... Confront false teachers:

How to... Confront sinful leaders in the church:

How to... Confront Elders and Pastors that don't belong in ministry:

How to... Deal with doctrinal error and ungodliness in the church:

How to... Confront sophisticated philosophies in his culture:

How to... Battle his own youthful lust and his temptation to be argumentative and fight.

The Author – Paul – 1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus

Though his name only appears once, 1st person pronouns are used 26 times.

When Written – Probably in the year 62 or 63 AD. It was probably written about the same time as **Titus**, after Paul's release from his first Roman imprisonment (Phil 1:19, 25-26; 2:24).

Where it was Written – The place of the writing was Macedonia, probably from Philippi. (1 Tim 1:3; 3:14-15). Timothy later joined Paul after his release in Ephesus, where Paul left him when he himself went to visit the Church at Philippi (1 Tim 1:3).

Written To—Timothy. **1 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith:** Timothy is mentioned by name three times in this letter, and referred to 19 times by second-person pronouns.

Timothy's Early Home Life:

1. His Father was a Gentile (Acts 16:1).
2. His Mother (Eunice) was a Jew (Acts 16:1).
3. His Mother & Grandmother (Lois) taught him the Scripture as a child (2 Tim 1:5; 3:15).

Timothy's Personal Problems:

1. He was young for the responsibilities given to him (1 Tim 4:12).
2. He was timid and shy (1 Tim 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6-8).
3. He was sickly (1 Tim 5:23).

Timothy's Relationship With Paul:

1. Paul led him to faith in Christ (1 Tim 1:2).

2. Paul chose him as a companion in missionary work (Acts 16:3).
3. Paul trained him for ministry (2 Tim 2:2).
4. Paul sent him to minister in Thessalonica (1 Thess 3:6), Berea (Acts 17:14), Ephesus (1 Tim 1:3), Corinth (1 Cor 16:10), Philippi (Acts 19:22; Phil 2:19), and to the Hebrew Believers (Heb 13:23).
5. Paul relied on his help while he was in prison (Philemon 1:1; Phil 2:22).

Background - 1 Timothy is the 11th Epistle written by Paul. It was written between Paul's two Roman imprisonments, as he traveled on his 4th Missionary Journey.

Purpose -

1. To instruct Timothy on how to deal with false doctrine (1:1:3-4)
2. To exhort Timothy to pray (2:1)
3. To identify for Timothy the character qualities to look for in choosing Church Pastors and Deacons (3:1-13)
4. To encourage Timothy to faithfully pursue his calling to ministry.
5. To warn Timothy of the coming apostasy (4:1-5; 6:1-10)
6. To urge Timothy to fight the good fight (6:11-14)

Theme - 1 Timothy - "The Leadership Manual for the Church"

Key Words -

God - 40 times, Faith - 32 times, Good - 30 times, Themselves - 15 times, Jesus Christ - 14 times, Faithful - 14 times, Teach/Teaching - 12 times, Yourself - 12 times, Doctrine - 8 times

Key Chapter - 1 Timothy 3 The qualifications for a godly Church leader.

Key Passage - 1 Timothy 3:15

Outline -

- 1 Timothy 1 The Church and Its Message:**
- 1 Timothy 2-3 The Church and Its Members:**
- 1 Timothy 4 The Church and Its Minister:**
- 1 Timothy 5-6 The Church and Its Ministry:**

1. 1 Timothy 1 The Church and Its Message:

1 Timothy 1:1-11 Teaching Sound Doctrine:

1 Timothy 1:1 the commandment of God - His apostleship came by "**commandment**" from Jesus Christ. This word means "*a royal commission.*" Both Paul and Timothy were sent by the "King of Kings!"

1 Timothy 1:2-3 The term "**Doctrine**" means "*systematic, thorough approach to teaching*"

strange doctrines – When we speak of strange, we are speaking of doctrines that are foreign to the Scriptures.

1 Timothy 1:4-5

In the early church, the believers were taught the Word of God and the meanings of basic Christian doctrines.

1 Timothy 1:6-7

“fruitless discussion” (“meaningless talk,”)

1 Timothy 1:8

But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully,

The reason for this false doctrine was a misuse of the Old Testament Law.

1 Timothy 1:9-11

1 Timothy 1:12-17 Proclaiming the Gospel:

1 Timothy 1:12 He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

Paul never got over the fact that God had chosen him to serve God!

1 Timothy 1:13-17

Paul never got over the greatness of God’s mercy through his forgiveness. Paul saw himself as the chief among sinners.

1 Timothy 1:18-20 Defending The Faith: 1 Timothy 1:18-20

Professed Christians who **“make shipwreck” of their faith** do so by sinning against their consciences. Hymenaeus said that the resurrection was already past (**2 Timothy 2:16-18**)

2. 1 Timothy 2-3 The Church and Its Members:

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Praying Men: 1 Timothy 2:1-3

When we pray, we don’t gossip, and we should find ourselves aligning with God. We become part of the solution, not the problem.

1 Timothy 2:4-8 Note that it is the men. The men need to lead!

1 Timothy 2:9-15 Submitting Women: 1 Timothy 2:9-15

Paul's giving the order in the Church. Women are not to be Pastors or Elders, and women are not to teach or have authority over men. This is based on the order of creation and the fall into sin, not based on any so-called inferiority of the sexes, but the divine order.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 Qualified Pastors:

1 Timothy 3:1 if any man aspires to the office of overseer,

Overseer - According to the New Testament, the terms "bishop," "pastor," and "elder" are synonymous. Bishop means "overseer," and the elders had the responsibility of overseeing the work of the church (Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Peter 5:1-3). "Elder" is the translation of the Greek word *presbuteros*, which means "an old man."

1 Timothy 3:2-4

"PK" Preacher's Kids. (That term makes Preacher's Kids want to turn out bad!) They are children in the church! I think it is sad, yet wrong, to expect more simply because they are children of the pastor. Managing implies problems.

1 Timothy 3:5-7

"The Message and The Man go together!"

1 Timothy 3:8-13 Qualified Deacons: 1 Timothy 3:8-13

The leaders either build up the church or tear it down. The example of church leaders can motivate and push the church to a higher level.

1 Timothy 3:14-16 Behaving Believers: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Paul did not expect the church to function in order, apart from Timothy first getting himself in order. There can be no order apart from the leaders being right themselves.

3. 1 Timothy 4 The Church and Its Minister:

1 Timothy 4:1-5 Apostasy: 1 Timothy 4:1-3

New Age, Emergent Church (Liberal Church), **Catholic Church** that makes its priest take vows of celibacy, the SDA **Seventh Day Adventist** that lays a trip on the church about dietary rules.

1 Timothy 4:4-5

There is no greater need than to Teach the Word.
Teaching Doctrine, Teaching through the Bible.

1 Timothy 4:6-12 A Godly Minister, Practicing The Word:

1 Timothy 4:6-12 in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity,
show yourself an example of those who believe.

1 Timothy 4:13-16 A Growing Minister, Progressing In The Word:

1 Timothy 4:13-16

4. 1 Timothy 5-6 The Church and Its Ministry:

1 Timothy 5:1-2 To Older Members:

1 Timothy 5:1-2 What a great model for all to follow.

1 Timothy 5:3-10 To Older Widows:

1 Timothy 5:3-10 What a godly model for the women of the fellowship!

1 Timothy 5:11-16 To Younger Widows:

1 Timothy 5:11-16 Each family should first take care of its own.

1 Timothy 5:17-25 To Church Officers:

1 Timothy 5:17- 19 It is serious to be a party to accusations against leaders in the church.

1 Timothy 5:20 Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning. There is a time to name names and publicly expose sin.

1 Timothy 5:21-25

1 Timothy 6:1-2 To Servants: (slaves) 1 Timothy 6:1-2

1 Timothy 6:3-10 To False Teachers:

1 Timothy 6:3-5 There will be those that will challenge the words of Jesus.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 Multi-level marketing.

1 Timothy 6:11-16 To The Pastor: 1 Timothy 6:11-12

1 Timothy 6:17-19 To The Rich:

1 Timothy 6:17-19 When God blesses, it is to be shared, not hoarded!

1 Timothy 6:20-21 To The Pastor: 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Application:

1. The Early Church, Believers Were Taught The Word Of God And The Meanings Of Christian Doctrines. In Many Churches Today, The Pulpit And Platform Are Places For Entertainment, Not Enlightenment And Enrichment.
2. Paul's Emphasis To Timothy Was The Word Of God. Over And Over Again, Paul Said Preach, Teach, Read, And Live The Word: **1 Timothy 4:13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.**
3. Paul Did Not Expect The Church To Function In Order, Apart From Timothy First Getting Himself In Order. There Can Be No Order Apart From The Leaders Being Right Themselves.