

FIRST TIMOTHY

1:1 Paul, *an* apostle of Christ Jesus according to *the* command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus our hope, ²to Timothy, genuine child in *the* faith: Grace, mercy, peace from God *the* Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Stay On In Ephesus To Turn Certain “Law-Teachers” From Worthless Talk To Love

³Just as I urged you to stay-on in Ephesus while *I* was proceeding to Macedonia, *do so* in order that you might command certain *ones* not to be teaching-different-*doctrines*, ⁴nor paying-attention-to myths and endless genealogies, which cause speculations rather than *a* stewardship of God, *which is* by faith. ⁵And the goal of *your* command is love from *a* pure heart and good conscience and sincere faith, ⁶having departed from which *things* some turned-aside into worthless-talk— ⁷wanting to be Law-teachers, not understanding either *the things* which they are saying or about what *things* they are speaking-confidently.

The Law Is Useful When It Is Used Properly: To Correct The Ungodly

⁸Now we know that the Law *is* good if one is using it lawfully, ⁹knowing this: that law is not laid-down for *a* righteous *one* but for lawless *ones* and rebellious *ones*, ungodly *ones* and sinful *ones*, unholy *ones* and profane *ones*, father-thrashers and mother-thrashers, man-slayers, ¹⁰sexually-immoral *ones*, homosexuals, slave-traders, liars, perjurers, and if any other *thing* is contrary to healthy teaching ¹¹in accordance with the good-news of the glory of the blessed God which **I** was entrusted.

I Thank The Lord Jesus For Showing Mercy To Me And Appointing Me To Serve Him

¹²I have gratitude to Christ Jesus our Lord, the *One* having strengthened me, because He regarded me trustworthy, having appointed *me* for service— ¹³*I* formerly being *a* blasphemous *one* and *a* persecutor and violent *one*! But I was shown-mercy because being ignorant, I acted in unbelief. ¹⁴And the grace of our Lord overflowed, along with *the* faith and love *which are* in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying *is* trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance— that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom **I** am foremost. ¹⁶But for this reason I was shown-mercy: in order that in me, *the* foremost, Christ Jesus might demonstrate all patience, for *a* pattern for the *ones* going to put-faith upon Him for eternal life. ¹⁷Now to the King of the ages, to *the* immortal invisible only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever, amen.

I Am Giving You This Instruction, My Child, So You Can Fight The Good Fight

¹⁸I am depositing this instruction *with* you, *my* child Timothy, in accordance with the preceding prophecies about you, in order that by them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹having faith and *a* good conscience, which having pushed-aside, some suffered-shipwreck with respect to the faith— ²⁰of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I handed-over to Satan in order that they may be trained not to blaspheme.

First, I Urge That Prayers And Thanksgivings Be Made For All People

2:1 First of all then, I urge *that* petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all the *ones* being in *a* place of superiority, in order that we may spend *a* tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³This *is* good and acceptable in the sight of our Savior God, ⁴Who desires all people to be saved and to come to *the* knowledge of *the* truth.

For Jesus Gave Himself As a Ransom For All

⁵For *there is* one God, and one mediator of God and people— *the* man Christ Jesus, ⁶the *One* having given Himself *as a* ransom for all, the testimony given in *His* own times ⁷for which **I** was appointed *a* proclaimer and *an* apostle (I am telling *the* truth; I am not lying), *a* teacher of *the* Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸So I want the men in every place to be praying, lifting-up holy hands without anger and argument.

Women’s Appearance And Behavior Should Be Fitting For Ones Professing Godliness

⁹Similarly also, I urge *that* women be adorning themselves in well-ordered apparel with modesty and sound-mindedness— not in braided *hair* and gold or pearls or very-expensive clothing, ¹⁰but through good works, which is fitting for women professing godliness. ¹¹Let *a* woman be learning in quietness with all submission. ¹²And I do not permit *a* woman to teach nor have-authority-over *a* man, but to be in quietness. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not deceived, but the woman, having been completely-deceived, has come-to-be in transgression. ¹⁵But she will be saved by The Childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and holiness with sound-mindedness.

Overseers Must Be Above Reproach

3:1 The saying *is* trustworthy— if anyone aspires-to *the* office-of-overseer, he desires *a* good work. ²Therefore the overseer must be above-reproach, *a* man of one woman, sober, sound-minded, respectable, hospitable, skillful-at-teaching, ³not *a* drunken *one*, not *a* brawler, but kind, non-quarrelsome, not-a-money-lover, ⁴leading *his* own household well, having children in submission, with all dignity (⁵but if one does not know-how to lead *his* own household, how will he take-care-of *a* church of God?), ⁶not *a* new-convert, in order that he may not fall into *the* judgment of the devil, having become conceited. ⁷And *he* must also have *a* good testimony from the *ones* outside, in order that he may not fall into reproach and *a* snare of the devil.

Deacons Must Be Honorable And Tested

⁸Deacons similarly *must be* honorable, not double-tongued, not paying-attention-to much wine, not fond-of-shameful-gain, ⁹holding the mystery of the faith with a clean conscience. ¹⁰And let these also first be tested, then let them be serving, being blameless. ¹¹Their wives similarly *must be* honorable, not slanderous, sober, faithful in all *things*. ¹²Let deacons be men of one woman, leading *their* children and *their* own households well. ¹³For the *ones* having served well obtain for themselves a good standing and great confidence in *their* faith in Christ Jesus.

I Am Writing So You Will Know How To Conduct Yourself In The Church

¹⁴I am writing these *things* to you hoping to come to you quickly, ¹⁵but in-case I am slow, in order that you may know how *you* ought-to conduct-yourself in the household of God— which is *the church of the* living God, *the* pillar and support of the truth.

God Was Revealed In The Flesh, But Some Will Depart From The Faith And Good Teaching

¹⁶And the mystery of godliness is confessedly great: Who was revealed in *the* flesh, was declared-righteous in *the* spirit; was seen by messengers, was proclaimed among *the* nations; was believed in *the* world, was taken-up in glory. **4:1** But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying-attention-to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons ²by means of *the* hypocrisy of liars having been seared as to *their* own conscience— ³forbidding to marry, *commanding* to abstain from foods which God created for a receiving with thanksgiving by the *ones who are* believers and know the truth. ⁴Because every creature of God *is* good. And nothing being received with thanksgiving *is to be* rejected, ⁵for it is sanctified by *the* word of God and prayer. ⁶While pointing-out these *things* to the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, while being nourished in the words of the faith and the good teaching which you have closely-followed. ⁷But be declining the profane and old-womanish myths.

But You Be Training Yourself For Godliness In Your Character And Teaching

But be training yourself for godliness. ⁸For bodily training is profitable for a little, but godliness is profitable for all *things*— having promise for the present life and the *one* coming. ⁹The saying *is* trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance. ¹⁰For we are laboring and struggling for this, because we have put *our* hope upon *the* living God, Who is *the* Savior of all people— especially of believers. ¹¹Be *commanding* and teaching these *things*. ¹²Let no one be-looking-down-on your youth, but be a pattern for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³Until I come, be paying-attention-to the reading, the exhortation, the teaching. ¹⁴Do not be careless of the gift in you, which was given to you through a prophecy with *the* laying-on of the hands of the council-of-elders. ¹⁵Be taking-care-with these *things*, be in these *things*, in order that your progress may be evident to everyone. ¹⁶Be fixing-your-attention-on yourself and *your* teaching. Be continuing in them. For while doing this, you will save both yourself and the *ones* hearing you.

Speak To Everyone As You Would Your Own Family Members

5:1 Do not sharply-rebuke an older man, but be appealing-to him as a father, younger men as brothers, ²older women as mothers, younger women as sisters in all purity.

Provide Church Support For Real Widows Attested By Faith And Good Works

³Be honoring widows— the real widows. ⁴Now if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to reverence *their* own household and to give-back a return to *their* ancestors. For this is acceptable in the sight of God. ⁵But the *one who is* a real widow and has been left-alone has put *her* hope upon God, and continues-in petitions and prayers by night and by day. ⁶But the *one* living-indulgently is-dead while living. ⁷Indeed be *commanding* these *things* in order that they may be above-reproach. ⁸But if anyone does not provide-for *his* own relatives, and especially family-members, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ⁹Let a widow be put-on-the-list having become not fewer than sixty years old, a woman of one man, ¹⁰being attested by good works: if she brought-up-children, if she received-strangers, if she washed the feet of saints, if she aided *ones* being afflicted, if she followed-after every good work.

But Decline To Include The Young Widows; Let Them Marry

¹¹But be declining younger widows. For when they grow-sensual against Christ, they want to marry— ¹²having condemnation [upon themselves] because they set-aside *their* first pledge. ¹³And at the same time also they are learning to be idle, while going-around the houses. And not only idle, but also babblers and busybodies— speaking the *things* not being proper. ¹⁴Therefore, I want younger widows to marry, to bear-children, to manage-the-house, to give to the *one* opposing no opportunity for the sake of reviling. ¹⁵For some already turned-aside after Satan. ¹⁶If any believing-woman has widows, let her be aiding them, and let the church not be burdened in order that it may aid the real widows.

Give Unbiased Church Support And Respect To Elders Leading Well

¹⁷Let the elders having led well be considered-worthy of double honor, especially the *ones* laboring in word and teaching. ¹⁸For the Scripture says “You shall not muzzle a threshing ox” [Deut 25:4], and “The worker *is* worthy of his wages” [Lk 10:7]. ¹⁹Do not be accepting an accusation against an elder unless on the basis of two or three witnesses. ²⁰Be rebuking the *ones* sinning in the presence of all, in order that the rest also may have fear. ²¹I solemnly-charge you in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the chosen angels that you keep these *things* without pre-judgment, doing nothing according-to partiality. ²²Be laying hands on no one hastily, nor

sharing *in the sins* belonging-to-others; be keeping yourself pure. (²³No longer be-a-water-drinker, but be using *a little wine* for the sake of *your* stomach and your frequent sicknesses). ²⁴The sins *of* some people are clear-beforehand, going ahead-of *them* to judgment, but indeed *for* some they follow-after. ²⁵Similarly also the good works *are* clear-beforehand, and the *ones* having it otherwise are not able to be hidden.

Slaves Are To Honor Their Masters

6:1 Let all-who are under *a yoke as* slaves be regarding *their* own masters *as* worthy of all honor, in order that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. ²And let the *ones* having believing masters not be disregarding *them* because they are brothers, but let them be serving *them* more, because the *ones* being helped *by* the good-work are believers and beloved *ones*.

Anyone Who Teaches Differently Is Spiritually Diseased And Pursuing Personal Gain

Be teaching and exhorting these *things*. ³If anyone teaches-different-*doctrines*, and does not come-to healthy words— the *ones* of our Lord Jesus Christ— and *to* the teaching in accordance with godliness, ⁴he has become conceited, understanding nothing, but being diseased with respect to controversies and word-battles, out of which comes envy, strife, blasphemies, evil suspicions, ⁵constant-frictions, *from* people having been corrupted *as to* the mind and robbed of the truth, while supposing *that* godliness is *a* means-of-gain. ⁶Now godliness with contentment *is* *a* means of great gain. ⁷For we brought-in nothing to the world; *it is clear* that neither can we bring-out anything. ⁸But having sustenance and coverings, *with* these *things* we shall be content. ⁹But the *ones* wanting to be-rich fall into temptation and *a* snare, and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love-of-money is *a* root of all evils— aspiring-to which, some were led-astray from the faith and pierced themselves *with* many pains.

But You, O Man of God, Fight The Good Fight And Keep The Command Unspotted

¹¹But **you**, O man of God, be fleeing these *things*, and be pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Be fighting the good fight of faith. Take-hold-of eternal life, into which you were called, and confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I command you in the sight of God, the *One* giving-life-to all *things*, and Christ Jesus, the *One* having testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴*that* you keep the commandment unspotted, above-reproach, until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which *in His* own times, the blessed and only Ruler will show— the King of the *ones* being-kings and Lord of the *ones* being-lords, ¹⁶the only *One* having immortality, dwelling *in* unapproachable light, Whom none of mankind saw nor is able to see, *to* Whom *be* honor and eternal dominion, amen.

Command The Rich To Be Rich In Good Works And To Take Hold of Real Life

¹⁷Be commanding the *ones* rich in the present age not to be-high-minded, nor to have put-hope on *the* uncertainty of riches, but upon God, the *One* richly granting us all *things* for enjoyment; ¹⁸to be working-good, to be-rich in good works, to be generous, sharing *ones*, ¹⁹treasuring-up *for* themselves *a* good foundation for the future, in order that they may take-hold-of real life.

Guard The Deposit, Timothy

²⁰O Timothy, guard the deposit, turning-aside-*from* the profane empty-chatterings and opposing-arguments of the falsely-named “knowledge”— ²¹professing which, some missed-the-mark with respect to the faith. Grace *be* with you *all*.