

## *1 Timothy*

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

**3**As I went to Macedonia, I exhorted you to stay in Ephesus, that you might charge certain ones not to teach a different doctrine, **4**neither to give attention to myths and endless genealogies, which bring about arguments, rather than God's training that is in the faith. **5**The aim of the commandment is love from a pure heart and from a good conscience and from a sincere faith. **6**Some have deviated from these, and have strayed after empty talk, **7**wanting to be teachers of the law, but understanding neither what they are saying, nor the things about which they are so sure.

**8**We know that the law is good, if anyone uses it lawfully. **9**We know that law was not appointed for the upright, but for the lawless and unruly, for the godless and sinners, for the unholy and irreligious, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, **10**for fornicators, for homosexuals, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing which opposes healthful teaching, **11**according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I was entrusted.

**12**I thank him who has enabled me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me faithful, and placed me in service. **13**Formerly I was a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, but I received mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief, **14**and the grace of our Lord overflowed with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**15**This saying is reliable, and deserving of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst. **16**But, on account of this, I received mercy, so that in me as the worst, Christ Jesus might display all his patience, as an example for those who believe on him for eternal life. **17**Now to the King of the ages,

immortal, invisible, the only God, are the honor and praise forever and ever, amen!

<sup>18</sup>I commit to you this charge, my child Timothy, in accordance with the prophecies which pointed to you, that by them you might fight the good fight, <sup>19</sup>holding faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these, and have shipwrecked their faith, <sup>20</sup>of whom are Hymeneus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan, that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

**2** First of all, I urge you to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for all men, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all in authority, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and proper conduct. <sup>3</sup>This is excellent and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all men to be saved, and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

<sup>5</sup>There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as the ransom for all, the witness at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>I was appointed for him a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth, I am not falsifying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I will that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without anger and argument; <sup>9</sup>and, in the same way, that the women adorn themselves with appropriate apparel, in modesty and good sense; not with elaborate hair styles, and gold or pearls or expensive clothing, <sup>10</sup>but through good works, which befit women professing godliness.

<sup>11</sup>Let the woman learn in quietness in all subjection. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in quietness, <sup>13</sup>for Adam was first formed, and then Eve. <sup>14</sup>Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. <sup>15</sup>However, she will be saved through child-bearing if they continue in faith and love and dedication with good sense.

**3** This saying is reliable, if a man aspires to be an overseer, he desires a noble work. <sup>2</sup>The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, clear-headed, sensible, orderly, hospitable, able in teaching, <sup>3</sup>not given to wine, not quick-tempered, but gentle, not contentious, not greedy for money, <sup>4</sup>ruling his own family well, having his children in subjection with all respectfulness. <sup>5</sup>(if anyone does not know how to rule his own family, how will he take care of the congregation of God?) <sup>6</sup>He must not be a novice, lest he become puffed up, and fall into the devil's condemnation. <sup>7</sup>Also he must have a good reputation among those who are outside, lest he fall into disgrace, and the devil's trap.

<sup>8</sup>Likewise, the deacons must be respectful, not double-tongued, not fond of much wine, not greedy for money, <sup>9</sup>holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. <sup>10</sup>Let these first be tested, then let them serve, being blameless. <sup>11</sup>Likewise, their wives must be respectful, not slanderous, self-controlled, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>The deacons must be the husband of one wife, ruling well their children and their own households. <sup>13</sup>They who have served well gain for themselves an excellent standing, and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>14</sup>I am writing these things, hoping to come to you right away, <sup>15</sup>but if I am delayed, that you may know how you must conduct yourself in God's family, who are the called-out people of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

<sup>16</sup>Undeniably, the mystery of religion is great: he was revealed in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received into glory.

**4** The Spirit speaks explicitly that in the future some will fall away from the faith, embracing deceitful spirits and demonic doctrines, <sup>2</sup>speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared, <sup>3</sup>forbidding to marry, abstaining from foods, which God created for acceptance with thanksgiving by the ones who believe and have known the truth. <sup>4</sup>Every

creature of God is good, and when it is received with thanksgiving, nothing is rejected. <sup>5</sup>It is set apart by God's teaching and prayer.

<sup>6</sup>As you point out these things to the brothers, you will be a noble servant of Jesus Christ, training them in words of the faith, and in the precious teaching which you have followed. <sup>7</sup>Stay away from worldly and silly tales, and train yourself in godliness, <sup>8</sup>for bodily training is scarcely profitable, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of life both now and hereafter. <sup>9</sup>This saying is reliable, and deserving of full acceptance, <sup>10</sup>for which we labor and exert ourselves, because we have hoped in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of the ones who believe.

<sup>11</sup>Charge and teach these things. <sup>12</sup>Let no one look down on you because you are young, but be an example of the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. <sup>13</sup>Until I come, apply yourself to reading, to encouragement, to teaching. <sup>14</sup>Do not neglect the gift which is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. <sup>15</sup>Be diligent in these things, and be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be known to all. <sup>16</sup>Pay constant attention to yourself, and to the teaching; continue in them, for by doing this, you will save both yourself and the ones who hear you.

**5** Do not reprimand an older man, but entreat him as a father; the younger men as brothers; <sup>2</sup>the older women as mothers; the younger women as sisters in all purity. <sup>3</sup>Honor true widows. <sup>4</sup>If a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show respect to their own family, and to repay their parents, for this is pleasing in God's sight.

<sup>5</sup>The true widow has been left alone; she hopes in God, and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. <sup>6</sup>But she who lives in self-indulgence, although living, is dead. <sup>7</sup>Command these things, that they may be blameless. <sup>8</sup>If anyone does not provide for his own, especially his own family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

<sup>9</sup>Let not a widow under sixty years of age be enrolled, having been the wife of one man, <sup>10</sup>with a reputation for excellent deeds: if she has reared children, if she has been hospitable, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has helped those in trouble, if she has devoted herself to every good work. <sup>11</sup>Reject younger widows, for when they are drawn from Christ by fleshly impulses, they want to marry, <sup>12</sup>having condemnation, because they have rejected their first faith. <sup>13</sup>At the same time, they learn to be idle, going from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, saying things they should not.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, I want the younger women to marry, to bear children, to manage the household, and to give no occasion for criticism, <sup>15</sup>for some already have gone astray after Satan. <sup>16</sup>If any woman who believes has widows, let her help them, and do not let the congregation be burdened, that it may help true widows.

<sup>17</sup>Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of a double honorarium, especially those engaged in speaking and teaching; <sup>18</sup>for the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the threshing ox," and "A worker is worthy of his pay." <sup>19</sup>Do not acknowledge a charge against an elder except on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <sup>20</sup>Correct publicly the ones who are sinning, that the rest may fear.

<sup>21</sup>I charge you in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, and of the chosen angels, to observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing in favoritism. <sup>22</sup>Do not place hands on anyone without deliberation; do not participate in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. <sup>23</sup>Do not drink water any longer, but use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

<sup>24</sup>The sins of some men are out in the open, going before to the judgment, but others show up later. <sup>25</sup>Likewise, honorable deeds are also out in the open; otherwise, they cannot be hidden.

**6** Let slaves under the yoke consider their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that God's name and the teaching be not defamed. <sup>2</sup>Let

them not despise believing masters, because they are brothers. Rather, let them serve, for the ones who benefit from the service are beloved believers.

<sup>3</sup>Teach these things, and encourage. If any one teaches differently, and does not agree with the wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with godly teaching, <sup>4</sup>he is puffed up, understanding nothing. He has an unhealthy desire for arguments and word-battles, from which come envy, strife, hurtful talk, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup>and wranglings of men ruined in mind, without the truth, supposing that godliness is a means of gain.

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world and can take nothing out; <sup>8</sup>and since we have food and clothes, let us be content with these. <sup>9</sup>Those wanting to be rich fall into temptation and a trap, and into many senseless and harmful lusts, which drown men in destruction and ruin. <sup>10</sup>A root of all evils is the love of money, after which some have striven, and have wandered away from the faith, and have stabbed themselves through with many sorrows.

<sup>11</sup>But you, man of God, run from these things; and strive for righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patient endurance, and gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the noble fight of the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, for which you were called, and you made the precious confession in the sight of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the sight of God (who makes all things live), and of Christ Jesus (who before Pontius Pilate made the precious confession), <sup>14</sup>that you keep the commandment without blemish and without reproach, until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>This the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, will display at the proper time. <sup>16</sup>He is the only immortal being, living in unapproachable light, whom no human has or can see! To him is the honor and strength eternal! Amen.

<sup>17</sup>Charge the rich in this world neither to be proud, nor to put their hope in uncertain riches, but in God who richly supplies to us all things for enjoyment; <sup>18</sup>that they work that which is good; that they be rich in kind deeds, willing to give and to share, <sup>19</sup>laying up in store for

themselves an excellent foundation for the future, that they may lay hold on the true life.

<sup>20</sup>Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you, avoiding profane and empty talk, and contradictions of knowledge falsely so called.

<sup>21</sup>Some give themselves out as experts in these, and have deviated from the faith. Grace be with you.