

INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND OVERVIEW

1 TIMOTHY 1:1-3

TOPICS:

Author, Addressee(s)/Audience, Date Written, Setting, Occasion/Purpose for Writing, Message, and Themes of Sound Doctrine, Public Worship, Church Leadership, Caring Church, and Personal Discipline

OPEN IT QUESTIONS

- A. Do you know any millennials (23-38 years old) who have potential to take on a future leadership role/position in the church? If your answer is yes, what roles/positions do you suggest, and how soon [1-3 years, 4-7 years, 8-10 years]?

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT***AUTHOR***

1. Who is the author of 1 Timothy? (1:1)

ADDRESSEE(S)/AUDIENCE

2. To whom is this letter addressed? (1:2)

3. How did Paul describe his relationship with the addressee of this letter? (1:2)

4. How was Paul's greeting to this addressee different than to addressees in his other letters? (1:2)

DATE WRITTEN

5. When was 1 Timothy written? (See Paul's Letters and Missionary Journeys Chart)

SETTING (The City)

6. From where was 1 Timothy written? (1:3)

7. To what city did Paul send this letter? (1:3)

8. What are some of the features of the City where Paul sent this letter?

EPHESUS Eph'esus, the capital of the Roman province of Asia, and an illustrious city in the district of Ionia, nearly opposite the island of Samos.

Characteristics of the City of Ephesus:

- A Free, cosmopolitan, Greek City
- Possibly up to 250,000 people
- 3rd largest Greek city after Rome and Alexandria
- Large Jewish population
- Senatorial province – indirectly under emperor
- One of the wealthiest provinces
- Communication hub and port
- Important pilgrimage site
- Temple of Artemis – largest building in the ancient world
- Magic, sorcery, sooth-saying (Acts 19)
- One of the 7 wonders of the ancient world – center of life and economy
- Emperor worship and local religions absorbed into the temple

SETTING (The Church and the People)

9. What were some characteristics of the churches and the people in Ephesus?
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Connection with Christianity—

The Jews were established at Ephesus in considerable numbers. Acts 2:9; 6:9 It is here and here only that we find disciples of John the Baptist explicitly mentioned after the ascension of Christ. Acts 18:25; 19:3 The first seeds of Christian truth were possibly sown here immediately after the great Pentecost. Acts 2.

Paul remained in the place [Ephesus] more than two years, Acts 19:8, 10; 20:31 during which he wrote the First Epistle to the Corinthians. At a later period Timothy was set over the disciples, as we learn from the two epistles addressed to him.

[Source: Smith's Bible Dictionary: Comprising Antiquities, Biography, Geography, Natural History, Archaeology and Literature.]

The gospel had come to Ephesus through Apollos, an outstanding orator and young believer (Acts 18:24). But when Paul visited the city for the first time (on his third missionary journey), he found many who had an incomplete faith (Acts 19:4). So Paul told the Ephesians about Jesus (Acts 19:5). They responded to his teaching and received the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:6).

Although nothing more is said about Ephesus in the book of Acts, Paul probably visited the city after his release from his first Roman imprisonment. During this visit (with Timothy), he discovered that a number of spiritual problems had arisen during his absence. Paul and Timothy stayed in Ephesus for a while to teach and to

straighten things out. When Paul had to leave for Macedonia, he left Timothy there as his representative to lead the church (1 Timothy 1:3).

OCCASION AND PURPOSE FOR WRITING

10. For what reason did Paul write this letter to Timothy? (1:3)

THE MESSAGE

11. What is the overall message in 1 Timothy?

The overall message of 1 Timothy concerns sound teaching, how to deal with false teachers in the church, the responsibilities and qualifications of church leaders, appropriate conduct for Christians, and guarding the church's reputation in the world.

MAIN THEMES

12. What are the main themes in the book of 1 Timothy?

The main themes in the book of 1 Timothy include: *Sound Doctrine, Public Worship, Church Leadership, Caring Church, and Personal Discipline.*

Sound Doctrine (1:3-11; 4:1-10; 6:3-5). Paul's first challenge to Timothy and the Ephesian believers was to combat the false teachers who had infiltrated the church. Paul warned Timothy about these heretics three times in this letter. After each warning, Paul exhorted Timothy to cling tightly to the faith, to be strong, and to live rightly (1:18-19; 4:9-16; 6:11-21).

13. What is the importance for today to be grounded in biblically **sound doctrine**?

Public Worship (2:1-15). Beyond the issue of false teachers, Paul's next area of concern for church life was worship. Paul began by emphasizing the necessity and centrality of prayer.

Next, Paul discussed the conduct of women in worship. Evidently the actions of some women had been disruptive. Paul explained that although they were enjoying new freedom in Christ to study the Bible and to worship with men, women should not rush into leadership or flaunt their freedom (2:9-15).

In both issues, Paul's focus was unity. The implication is that there were potential or real divisions in the Ephesian church that threatened to disrupt worship.

14. What is the importance of unity in the worship life of the church?

Church Leadership (3:1-16). Paul gave specific instructions concerning the qualifications for church leaders so that the church might honor God and operate smoothly. Again, the fact that this section has such prominence in the letter seems to imply that less than qualified men were leading the various congregations (or were aspiring to be leaders).

In fact, it is likely that the false teachers were former and current leaders in the church. As Paul's representative and with apostolic authority, Timothy was to make sure that church leaders had spiritual maturity, specific spiritual gifts, sound theology, a solid family life, and a good reputation.

15. What is the importance of having church leaders who are spiritually mature, operating in their spiritual gifts, modeling a solid family life, and good reputations?
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Caring Church (5:1-20; 6:1-2, 17-19). Jesus told his disciples that the world would know that they were his followers by their love for each other (John 13:35). The greatest witness the Ephesian believers could make for Christ in their world would be as a caring church. But the command to love must result in specific actions.

So Paul outlined for Timothy the way the church should treat older men (5:1), younger men (5:1), older women (5:2), younger women (5:2), widows (5:3-6, 9-16), and church elders (5:17-20), and how slaves should respond to their masters (6:1-2). In addition, Paul encouraged Timothy to challenge rich members to invest their wealth in helping others (6:17-19).

16. What is the importance of a church being a caring church today?

Personal Discipline (4:11-16; 5:21-25; 6:6-16, 20-21). Paul knew that it took discipline to be an effective church leader. Timothy, like the elders, had to guard his motives, minister faithfully, and live righteously. Paul told Timothy to do what God has called him to do despite his young age. In fact, Timothy should set an example of spirituality and right living (4:11-12).

17. What importance does personal discipline have for believers today?

[Source: Life Application New Testament Commentary and Adult LessonMaker]

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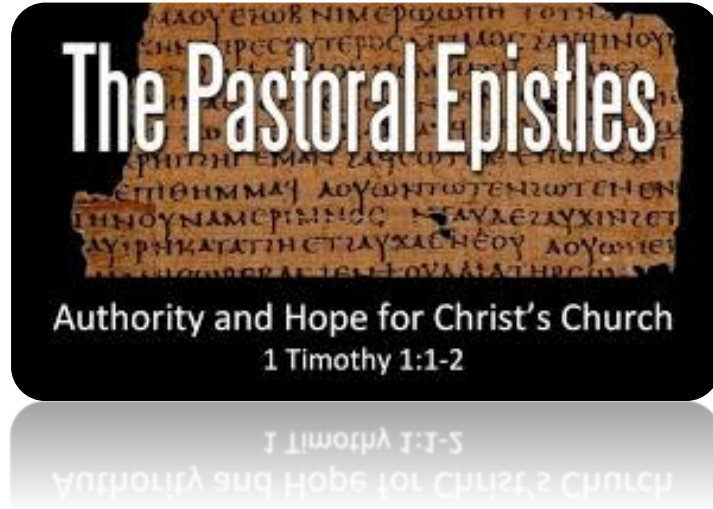
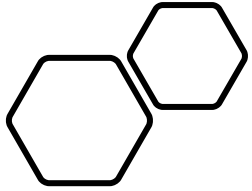
MAP OF MACEDONIA AND EPHEBUS

1 TIMOTHY

Outline

1. Instructions on right belief ([1:1-20](#))
2. Instructions for the church ([2:1-3:16](#))
3. Instructions for elders ([4:1-6:21](#))

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BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

- Holy Bible
- 1 Timothy Teaching Schedule
- Participant Questionnaire/Worksheet
- Paul's Letters and Missionary Journeys
- Macedonia & Ephesians Map
- Outline of the First Letter to Timothy

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The wise coach gives his junior quarterback valuable game time—the experience will prepare the young athlete for the starting role next fall . . . or sooner. The wise employer watches for promising young employees, then helps them learn new skills and assume greater responsibilities. Wise parents nurture and teach their children, helping them mature and grow into responsible adults. Wise leaders serve as mentors to emerging, potential leaders.

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The next generation holds a vital position in every family, institution, movement, or church—for leadership, vision, life . . . for its **future**. The apostle Paul knew this truth.

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Although thousands had responded to the gospel message and churches had been planted and were growing, Paul knew that the future of the Christian movement would depend on new leadership.

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Given the hostile environment of the Roman world and the advancing age of the apostles, in a short time the first generation of Christian leaders would be gone. Then who would direct, guide, evangelize, and spread the Word? So, Paul encouraged younger coworkers like Timothy and Titus to “teach these great truths to trustworthy people who are able to pass them on to others” (2 Timothy 2:2).

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Date Written

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5. When was 1 Timothy written?

The first letter to Timothy was written to the churches in Ephesus and the surrounding area approximately A.D. 64 from Rome or Macedonia (possibly Philippi) just prior to Paul's final imprisonment.

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**(See Paul's Letters and Missionary
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6. From where was 1 Timothy written? (1:3)

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Setting – The City

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7. To what city did Paul send this letter? (1:3)

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Setting – The City

- Important pilgrimage site
- Temple of Artemis – largest building in the ancient world
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[Acts 18:1-23; 19; 20:18-38; 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:9; 2 Cor. 1:8-9; Rev. 2:6]

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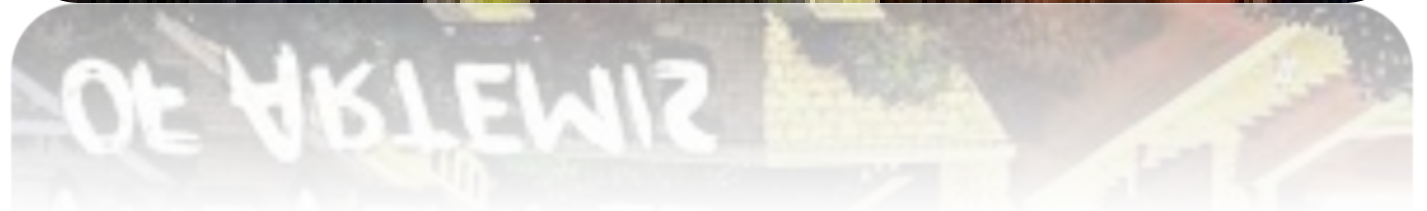
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*Setting –
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The People*

9. What were some characteristics of the churches and the people in Ephesus?

Connection with Christianity—

- The Jews established at Ephesus (Acts 2:9; 6:9)
- Disciples of John the Baptist mentioned after Christ's ascension (Acts 18:25; 19:3).
- First seeds of Christian truth possibly sown here after Pentecost (Acts 2).

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- Paul remained in the Ephesus more than two years (Acts 19:8, 10; 20:31)
- Paul may have visited Ephesus after his release from his first Roman imprisonment.
- During this visit (with Timothy), he discovered that a number of spiritual problems had arisen during his absence.

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- Paul and Timothy stayed in Ephesus for a while to teach and to straighten things out.
- When Paul had to leave for Macedonia, he left Timothy there as his representative to lead the church (1 Timothy 1:3).

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The main themes in 1 Timothy are:

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- Public Worship (2:1-15)
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- Caring Church (5:1-20; 6:1-2, 17-19)
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Sound Doctrine - *Importance for today.*

The only way to identify what is false is to know the truth. God's truth is contained in his word, the Bible. Thus, our theology (that is, our doctrine, what we believe) should be consistent with what the Bible says. Unless we are grounded in the Word, we will be susceptible to any number of false teachings. In addition to being well grounded, we also should avoid anyone who twists the words of the Bible for his or her own purpose.

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Public Worship - *Importance for today.* People attend worship services for many reasons: some come out of habit; others make it a social occasion; some simply want to be seen; a few are so eager to teach and lead that they eagerly follow false teachers with hollow promises. But any motive that does not flow from sincere devotion to Christ holds potential for trouble in the church.

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Church Leadership - *Importance for today.* There is no more important role than church leadership; therefore, those selected to fill leadership positions in local churches must be of the highest caliber, wholly committed to Christ and strong in their faith.

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Jesus told his disciples that the world would know that they were his followers by their love for each other (John 13:35).

The greatest witness the Ephesian believers could make for Christ in their world would be as a caring church. But the command to love must result in specific actions.

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Authority and Hope for Christ's Church
1 Timothy 1:1-2

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16. What is the importance of a church being a caring church today?

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Caring Church - *Importance for today.*

The church has a responsibility to care for the needs of all its members, especially the sick, the poor, and the widowed. Caring must go beyond good intentions. Caring for the family of believers demonstrates our Christlike attitude and exhibits genuine love to nonbelievers.

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Personal Discipline (4:11-16; 5:21-25; 6:6-16, 20-21). Paul knew that it took discipline to be an effective church leader. Timothy, like the elders, had to guard his motives, minister faithfully, and live righteously. Paul told Timothy to do what God has called him to do despite his young age. In fact, Timothy should set an example of spirituality and right living (4:11-12).

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17. What importance does personal discipline have for believers today?

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Personal Discipline - *Importance for today.* All church leaders must keep morally and spiritually fit. To stay in good spiritual shape, you must stay focused on Christ and on your calling, discipline yourself to study God's word and to obey it and put your spiritual abilities to work.

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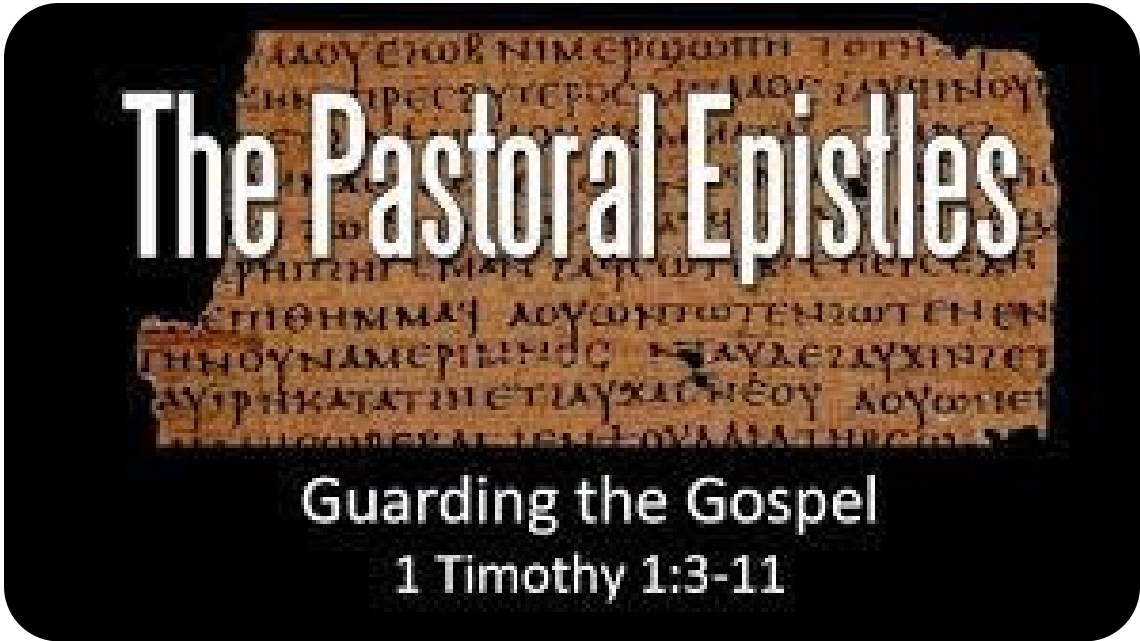
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1 TIMOTHY *OUTLINE*

1. Instructions on right belief (1:1-20)
2. Instructions for the church (2:1-3:16)
3. Instructions for elders (4:1-6:21)

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Next Week's Lesson



The Pastoral Epistles

Guarding the Gospel
1 Timothy 1:3-11

PRAYER



Remember the Sick and Bereaved

Pray for our Country and our Leaders

Pray for discernment as God reveals our new Pastor