

## THE STUDY OF I TIMOTHY

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### I Timothy Ministers Show Yourself Approved

This study is designed to encourage you to begin to develop a solid foundation for the book or epistle you are studying. In each study you will find a brief background on the book or letter, general themes found in the book, a list of key words found within the chapter and a set of questions can be answered directly from the verse provided at the end of the question.

Please plan to read the book or letter in its entirety first then begin the study. You will need a pen, a note pad, and your Bible. Once you've read through the entire book go back to the beginning and read the first chapter. Circle key words in that chapter. Compare your key words with the key words listed in the study. Now read the chapter again, and mark in your margin, key points. Jot down key points on your own note pad.

Answer the questions for chapter one. You will find the answer in the verse provided at the end of the question. When you have finished the questions, retitle the chapter. The names and subtitles are not divinely inspired but are placed there to give clarity. This exercise will help you develop in your own mind, the important aspects of each chapter. Proceed in this fashion until you finish the course of study. You will find that when the study is repeated you will glean new and fresh revelation each time. Before you begin however, begin in prayer asking the Lord to give you revelation and understanding.

1. Read the entire book or epistle in one day if possible.
2. Next, read the 1st chapter marking all key words.
3. Compare your key words with those listed in the study.

4. Make a note in the margin of the key points in each chapter
5. Jot down the key points on your own note pad.
6. Read the chapter again.
7. Answer the questions for each chapter and retitl the chapter.

When you complete the study you should have a solid foundational understanding of what the author was conveying through the power of the Holy Spirit. Small group studies or Sunday school classes will find it extremely helpful to allow for open discussion after each chapter. Plan on covering one half a chapter per week if you do have discussion. If you are not in a small group or Adult Bible Fellowship, then you may want to encourage a friend to join you in your study. Now lets begin.

### **Background**

This letter was possibly written from Macedonia in about 67-63 A.D. (I Tim 1:3) Paul authored the epistle and was the first of the three pastoral epistles written to give instructions concerning church order. (I Tim., II Tim and Titus) Timothy was a protégé of Paul. Timothy was born from a mixed marriage. His mother was a Jewess and his father a Greek (Acts 16:1, II Timothy 1:5) He was a native of Lystra (Acts 16:1) Timothy was given a charge to minister. He was charged with the responsibility of instructing those under his care to be certain not to teach a different gospel than the one he had received. Apostle Paul considered him a spiritual son in the faith.

### **Pastoral Epistle**

Timothy was pastoring the church of Ephesus, which was strategically positioned as a church that could reach the world. Timothy had been a co-laborer with Paul as well been a close "child in the faith"

### **Chapter 1**

The Goal of Ministry

1. My true Child in the faith make sure no one teaches strange doctrine. What could he possibly mean by "strange doctrine?"
2. What does Paul say to do about myths and endless genealogies?  
Vs 1:4
3. What is the goal of his instruction?. Vs 1: 5
4. Who is the law for? Vs 1:8-11
5. Paul said that God considered him faithful for what?  
Vs 1:12
6. What was Paul, according to his own testimony, before he was called into service? Vs 1:13
7. What was greater than Paul's sin?  
Vs 14
8. According to Paul, who did Jesus come to save?  
Vs 1:15
9. Christ has perfect patience for whom? Vs 1:17
10. God is the only God and he is\_\_\_\_\_? List 3 characteristics:  
Vs 1:17
11. What does Paul encourage Timothy to use to fight the good fight?  
Vs 1:18
12. Why do some experience a shipwreck in their faith?  
Vs 1:19

13. Why did Paul turn two people he knew over to Satan? Vs 20

14. How might we respond when we hear others teaching a different gospel?

### **Key Words**

Strange Doctrine  
Myths  
Immortal, invisible, eternal  
Shipwrecked faith  
Turn over to Satan  
Blaspheme  
Fight the good fight of faith  
Teach and preach these principles  
Do not fix your hope on wealth

### **Key Points**

Jesus came to save the lost. Love is greater than sin. Paul was once a sinner and blasphemer, but now a servant of Christ warning Timothy his protégé to encourage men not to teach strange doctrines. He reminded Timothy that the goal of his instruction was love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some were teachers of the Law and d

### **Instructions to Ministers**

Love from a pure heart  
A good conscience  
A sincere faith  
Fight the good fight of faith  
Keep faith and a good conscience  
Show yourself approved as an example

Public reading of scripture  
Do not neglect spiritual gifts  
Be careful with the laying on of hands  
Elders are worthy of double honor  
Guard what has been entrusted to you  
Pay attention to teaching: it can be salvation to you and your hearers  
Pray for all men to be saved  
Pray for all in authority  
Pray with Holy hands lifted up, without wrath or dissension  
Show yourself as an example  
Do not neglect the spiritual within you

### **Former State of Paul**

1. Blasphemer of Christ vs 13
2. Persecutor of Christians vs 13
3. Injurious killed saints Acts 9:1
4. Ignorant of the gospel vs 13
5. An unbeliever of Christianity vs 13
6. Chief of sinners vs 15

## **Chapter 2**

### **Proper Godly Conduct**

1. Paul encourages believers to continue in prayers, petitions, entreaties, and thanksgiving for whom?  
Vs 2:1-2
2. Believers should desire that all men be saved and what?  
Vs 2:3

3. There is only one mediator between God and man. Who is the mediator?  
Vs 2:5
4. Paul was a teacher to the Gentiles. He said he was also held at least two other offices. What were they?  
Vs 2:7 P
5. In what way should all men pray, according to Apostle Paul?  
Vs 2:8
6. How should a woman adorn or dress herself?  
Vs 2:9
7. Was Paul opposed to women wearing nice jewelry?
8. What characteristics should a woman have?  
Vs 2:10-11
9. Do women teach in the church? Vs 2:12
10. Who fell into deception, Adam or Eve? vs 14
11. What does it mean when it says the woman will be preserved through the bearing of Children and what are the stipulations added? vs 15

### **Key Points**

Paul points out proper behavior, proper dress, proper mindsets for believers as being part of the fellowship. He stresses here the importance of prayer for the leaders, authorities and governing bodies. He explained

that it is God's desire that all men be saved and it this, he dedicated his life as a preacher and apostle. He encouraged men to lift up holy hands to God without wrath or dissension.

### **Key Words**

Ship-wreched faith  
One mediator  
Prayer  
Women  
Deception  
Preserved through child-bearing

## **Chapter 3**

### **Overseers and Deacons**

1. Paul writes that it is a trustworthy pursuit to be a \_\_\_\_\_? vs 1
2. What standard are overseers held to? List the qualifications for an overseer?
3. How does the management of one's own household an indication of why someone should not be an overseer? vs 5
4. What could potentially happen to a new convert if they were given a position of authority (Overseer) in the Church? vs 6
5. What should be the reputation of a potential overseer, outside of the church and why? vs 7
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7. List the qualifications for a deacon. Vs 8, 9
8. Deacons should be tested first to be sure that they are beyond \_\_\_\_\_? vs 10
9. List the qualifications for a women. v 11
10. Deacons should be married to one woman, as well as good managers of their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. vs 12
11. What do deacons who serve receive? vs 13
12. Why is Paul writing this particular letter? vs 15
13. What is the great mystery Paul is describing in vs 16?

### **Key Words**

Overseer  
Deacon  
Double Portion  
Qualifications  
Women's role  
One God, one mediator  
Mystery

### **Key Points**

Paul gives the qualifications as an overseer, the role of deacons and the clear admonition to not put in leadership, new converts. He also warned that if a man could not manage his own household, he was not to have a place of leadership in the church.

## Chapter 4

### Apostasy

1. Why do some fall away from the faith? vs 1
2. Some of these deceitful men also \_\_\_\_\_ marriage and abstained from \_\_\_\_\_. vs 3
3. Everything created by God is good if it is received with \_\_\_\_\_?
4. How are things sanctified? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ vs 5
5. How will Timothy be considered a good servant? What must he do? vs 6
6. We should have nothing to do with worldly fables, but instead \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_. vs 7
7. Compare bodily discipline with godly discipline according to Paul. vs 8
8. Why is godly discipline more profitable? vs 8
9. What should we labor for and fix our hope on? vs 10
10. What things are we to prescribe and teach? vs 11
11. Paul encourages Timothy to show himself as an example of one who believes. How should he conduct himself? v12

12. Timothy has been advised to give attention to the public reading of scripture, exhorting and teaching. Do we as believers have this same directive? vs 13
13. Timothy was also instructed not to neglect the gift he'd been given? How was the gift given? vs 14
14. Paul tells Timothy to take pains with these things so that what? vs 15
15. Paul instructs Timothy to pay close attention to his teaching because it will bring what? vs 16

### **Key Words**

Fall away from the faith  
Deceitful men  
Good servant  
Godly discipline  
Show yourself approved  
Spiritual gift  
Pay attention to teaching

### **Key Points**

Paul warns that some will fall away, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, those who forbid marriage and abstaining from foods.. He reminds Timothy that in pointing out these things he will be a good servant being nourished by the word o God and of sound doctrine. Prescribe and teach these things. Give attention to public reading of scripture. Pay close attention to yourself and your teaching.

## Chapter 5

### Take Care of Widows

1. How should Timothy, the overseer, deal with the older men? vs 1
2. How should Overseers deal with older women? vs 2
3. How should overseers deal with the widow? vs 3
4. What should the widow learn to practice? vs 4
5. The widow who has given herself to wanton pleasure is \_\_\_\_\_while she lives. vs 6
6. Why instruct the widows in such a way? vs 7
7. If one does not provide for those of his own house hold, he has denied the \_\_\_\_\_, and is worse than an \_\_\_\_\_. vs 8
8. How old should a widow be who is put on the list for assistance? vs 9
9. What are the characteristics of a widow worthy of assistance? vs 9, 10
10. When should a widow not be placed on the list? vs 11, 12, 13
11. What does Paul instruct the younger widows to do? vs 14, 15

12. Widows who are capable to be kept by the family should do so, so that they not become a \_\_\_\_\_ for the church. vs 16
13. Elders who rule well are worthy of \_\_\_\_\_. vs 17
14. According to verse 18, the laborer in the church is worthy of their hire. Explain. vs 18
15. Accusations against an elder must come from 2 or 3 witnesses. True or false? vs 19
16. When someone continues in sin, what should the overseer do? vs 20
17. Bias and partiality within the structure of the leadership as it deals with sin can lead to great damage, therefore Paul solemnly charges Timothy to maintain these principles. How serious do this sound to you personally? vs 21
18. Why should an overseer not lay hands on anyone hastily? vs 22
19. Paul encourages using a little wine for the sake of the stomach. Is this the wine we would have available today? vs 23
20. Sins can go before a man to judgment or for some the sins follow after. Discuss this. vs 25

### **Key Words**

Widows  
Younger and older widows  
Overseers  
Bias and partiality  
Laying on of hands

## Key Points

Paul clearly defines the responsibility of the church and how it is to take care of widows. He also explains how the church handles accusations brought against an elder in the Body of Christ. Paul encourages Timothy to be sure that there is no partiality in church discipline and to be sure not to lay hands on anyone hastily.

## Chapter 6

### Teach These Things

1. How should a slave treat his master? vs 1
2. Slaves who have believers as their master, how should they treat them? vs 2
3. Paul encourages Timothy to treat and teach these principles. How does this speak to our pastors today? vs 2
4. If someone teaches a different doctrine that does not agree with the word of truth, what is he? vs 3
5. What is he teaching for? vs 5
6. What chaos arises from teaching false doctrine? vs 4, 5
7. Godliness is a means of great gain when accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_. vs 6
8. We bring nothing in this world. We take what out? vs 7

9. What is required for our contentment? vs 8
10. What is the root of all sorts of evil? vs 9
11. What has happened to some who have the love of money? vs 9
12. We are to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and \_\_\_\_\_. vs 11
13. We are to fight the good fight of \_\_\_\_\_. and to take hold of \_\_\_\_\_ vs 12
14. Paul gives Timothy another charge. What was it? vs 13
15. Who possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light? vs 16
16. To the rich, Paul instructs Timothy to tell them not to be \_\_\_\_\_, or fix their hope in their \_\_\_\_\_ but instead on \_\_\_\_\_ who richly applies us with all things to enjoy. vs 17]
17. We are to do good and be rich in \_\_\_\_\_, and to be \_\_\_\_\_ and ready to share. vs 18
18. What will we be building up for ourselves? vs 19
19. Timothy is to guard what has been entrusted to him, and to avoid what? vs 20
20. Some who join in opposing arguments, falsely disguised as "Knowledge", have fallen away. True or false

## **Key Points**

Paul wanted the believer to understand that godliness with contentment is great gain, we are to pursue godliness and fight the good fight of faith. Keep the faith believers. He taught that we brought nothing into this world and will take nothing out of it. He encouraged Timothy to guard what had been entrusted to him.

## **Key Words**

Slaves  
Different doctrine  
Godliness  
Contentment  
Love of money  
Fight the good fight  
Rich in good works  
Guard what has been entrusted to you

## **The law good and is for:**

1. Lawless
2. Rebellious
3. Ungodly
4. Unholy
5. Murderers
6. Homosexuals
7. Those who kill their parents
8. Kidnappers
9. Liars

## 10. Perjurers

### **Goal in Ministry**

Love from a pure heart  
A good conscience  
A sincere faith  
Fight the good fight through prophecies you've received  
Keep faith and a good conscience  
Pray for all men to be saved  
Pray for those in authority over you  
Pray that all men come to the truth  
Lift up holy hands without wrath or dissension  
Keep the unity

### **Elders**

Those who rule well are worth a double honor  
Do not accept an accusation against an elder unless there are 2 or 3 witnesses

### **Those who want to get rich**

Fall into temptation  
Become a snare  
Many foolish and harmful desires  
Wander away from the faith  
Pierce with many pains

### **Prayer**

Pray for all men to be saved  
Pray for all in authority  
Pray with Holy hands lifted up  
Pray without wrath or dissension

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