

The Book of 1 Timothy

Introduction: This epistle is, in essence, a personal letter to the family of God (1 Tim. 3:14-15).

I. PAUL AND THE FAMILY OF GOD.

- A. He was an apostle (1:1).
- B. He was a spiritual father (1:2).
- C. He was a former blasphemer (1:13).
- D. He was a sinner saved by grace (1:14).
- E. He was a pattern and trophy (1:16).
- F. He was a suffering servant (4:10).
- G. He was an exhorter (6:13).
- H. He was, most of all, a preacher.
 1. His message--the gospel (1:11).
 2. His mission field--the Gentiles (2:7).
 3. His master--the Savior (1:12).

II. TIMOTHY AND THE FAMILY OF GOD.

- A. Timothy's personal responsibilities.
 1. Stay in Ephesus (1:3).
 2. Maintain a good conscience (1:19).
 3. Examine yourself (4:16).
 4. Examine your doctrine (4:16).
 5. Discipline yourself (4:8).
 6. Be an example (4:12).
 7. Develop your gift (4:14-15).
 8. Take care of your body (5:23).
 9. Avoid the love of money (6:10).
 10. Pursue the good (6:11).
 11. Be a soldier (1:18; 6:12-14).
 12. Be impartial (5:21).
- B. Timothy's public responsibilities.
 1. Concerning the pulpit in the church.
 - a. What to honor--the Scriptures of God (4:6, 11, 13).
 - b. What to avoid--the speculations of men (1:4; 6:20).
 2. Concerning prayers in the church.
 - a. Pray for all men (2:1-4).
 - b. Pray for all things (4:4-5).
 3. Concerning women in the church.
 - a. Their responsibilities (2:9).
 - b. Their restrictions (2:12-14).
 - c. Their redemption (2:15).
 4. Concerning widows in the church.
 - a. Widows over sixty with no living children are to be honored and provided for (5:3, 5, 9).
 - b. Widows with a family are to be provided for by their families (5:4, 16).
 - c. Young widows (5:6, 11-15).
 - (1) The rule. Let them remarry and raise children (5:14).
 - (2) The reason. This will keep them from immorality and idle talk (5:11-13).
 5. Concerning senior saints in the church (5:1-2).
 6. Concerning elders in the church (5:17-19, 22).
 - a. To be carefully chosen (5:22).
 - b. To be honored (5:17-18).
 - c. To be assumed innocent until proven guilty (5:19).
 7. Concerning the rich in the church (6:6-10, 17-19).
 - a. Their faith: It is to be placed in God, and not in gold (6:17).
 - b. Their fortune: It is to be shared with others (6:18).
 8. Concerning servants (6:1-2).
 - a. Those working for unsaved masters (6:1).
 - b. Those working for saved masters (6:2).

III. CHURCH OFFICERS AND THE FAMILY OF GOD (3:1-13).

- A. Qualifications for the office of bishop (3:1-7).

1. He must be a male (3:2).
 2. Without reproach (3:2).
 3. The husband of one wife (3:2).
 4. Temperate (3:2).
 5. Prudent (3:2).
 6. Respectable (3:2).
 7. Given to hospitality (3:2).
 8. Able to teach (3:2).
 9. Not given to wine (3:3).
 10. Not pugnacious (3:3).
 11. Gentle (3:3).
 12. Uncontentious (3:3).
 13. Not a lover of money (3:3).
 14. Must rule his own house well (3:4-5; 5:8).
 15. Not a novice or new convert (3:6).
 16. Must have a good reputation in the unsaved community (3:7).
- B. Qualifications for the office of a deacon (3:8-13).
1. A man of dignity (3:8).
 2. Not double-tongued (3:8).
 3. Not given to much wine (3:8).
 4. Not a lover of money (3:8).
 5. Must possess a pure conscience (3:9).
 6. Not a novice (3:10).
 7. If married, the husband of a godly wife (3:11).
 8. The husband of one wife (3:12).
 9. Must rule his own house well (3:12).

IV. FALSE TEACHERS AND THE FAMILY OF GOD.

- A. Their theology (4:1-3).
- B. Their tactics.
1. Arguing (1:4, 6; 4:7).
 2. Stirring up constant friction (6:3-5).
- C. Their transgressions.
1. They use the law in the wrong way (1:7-10).
 2. They allow their own conscience to be seared (4:2).
 3. They use the church for personal gain (6:5).
 4. They oppose the true faith with false theories of science (6:20-21).

V. THE SAVIOR AND THE FAMILY OF GOD.

Paul offers a brief summary of Christ's work here in this epistle.

- A. His incarnation (3:16).
- B. His purpose (1:15; 4:10).
- C. His deity (1:17).
- D. His successful ministry (3:16).
- E. His suffering and death (2:6; 6:13).
- F. His resurrection (3:16; Rom. 1:4).
- G. His ascension (3:16).
- H. His mediatorship (2:5).
- I. His return (6:14).
- J. His millennial reign (6:15).