

# INTRODUCTION TO 1<sup>ST</sup> TIMOTHY



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# The Letters of Paul

## Three Main Groups of Letters

1. **THE JOURNEY LETTERS** (approx. AD 48-56) - Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Romans
2. **THE PRISON LETTERS** (early AD 60's) - Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon, Philippians
3. **THE PASTORAL LETTERS** (mid AD 60's) - 1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy
  - Written to Timothy & Titus - 2 apostolic delegates (team approach)
  - T & T in specific locations dealing with difficulties in local churches
  - Vitally important - WHY? Paul's last writings

# Who Timothy Was

- **Natural Son** - *“of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek”* (Acts 16 v 1). Mother Eunice, Grandmother Lois (2 Tim 1 v 5)
- **Saved** - on Paul’s first missionary journey? (Acts 14 v 6, 2 Tim 1 v 5)
- **Spiritual Son** - *“who is my beloved & faithful son in the Lord”* 1 Cor 4 v 17); *“a true son (child) in the faith”* (1 Tim 1 v 2)
- **Disciple** - who *“was well spoken of by the brethren”* (Acts 16 v 1-2)
- **Companion** - of Paul, on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journeys, & beyond
- **Trusted** - dispatched by Paul to various assemblies
- **Faithful** - with Paul to the very end (2 Tim 4 v 9-21)



## Paul's opinion:-

- *"I have no one like-minded"* (Phil 3 v 20)
- *"my fellow worker"* (Rom 16 v 21)
- *"our brother"* (Col 1 v 1)
- *"a servant of God"* (1 Thess 3 v 2)

- *"our fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ"* (1 Thess 3 v 2)
- a *"man of God"* (1 Tim 6 v 11, 2 Tim 3 v 17)

**Who Are You?**

# What Timothy Did - 1

- Learnt - Acts 16 v 1-2
- Served - *“he sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy & Erastus”* (Acts 19 v 22)
- Reminded - *“Timothy...will remind you of my ways in Christ”* (1 Cor 4 v 17)
- Worked - *“he does the work of the Lord”* (1 Cor 16 v 10)
- Preached - 2 Cor 1 v 19
- Established, Encouraged & Reported back to Paul - 1 Thess 3 v 1-6
- Commanded - *“remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine”* (1 Tim 1 v 3)

# What Timothy Did - 2

- Confessed his own convictions - 1 Tim 6 v 12
- Cried - *“being mindful of your tears”* (2 Tim 1 v 4)
- Believed - *“the genuine faith that is in you”* (2 Tim 1 v 5)
- Used - *“stir up the gift of God which is in you”* (2 Tim 1 v 6)
- Listened - *“the things that you have heard from me”* (2 Tim 2 v 2)
- Carefully Followed Paul - 2 Tim 3 v 10-11
- Knew - the OT Scriptures from childhood (2 Tim 3 v 15)

**What Are  
You  
Doing?**

# Why Did Paul Write This Letter?

1. To Pass On Doctrine About the Local Church
2. To Pass On A Warning About False Doctrine
3. To Encourage Timothy In His Responsibility

REMEMBER - Timothy was at **EPHESUS...**

# Doctrine:

- Teaching, instruction
- EITHER the act of teaching OR the content of what is taught

Doctrine is clear and systematic thinking about divine things.

In Paul's letters to Timothy doctrine is very closely linked to:

- TRUTH = teaching that is true
- FAITH = teaching I can trust
- GODLINESS = teaching that transforms



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*"I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar & ground of the truth" (1 Tim 3 v 15)*

A HOUSEHOLD BELONGING TO GOD - so there is teaching about:

- private & public matters
- male & female
- employees & employers
- rich & poor
- elders & servants (deacons)
- Godliness (3 v 16) - CHRIST is the TRUTH

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## 2. To Pass On A Warning About False Doctrine

*“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia - remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables & endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith” (1 Tim 1 v 3-4)*

### HOW TO DEAL WITH FALSE DOCTRINE:

- 1 Tim 4 v 7 - Reject
- 1 Tim 6 v 5 - Withdraw
- 2 Tim 2 v 16-18 - Shun
- 2 Tim 2 v 23-26 - Avoid & Correct
- 2 Tim 3 v 1-9 - Turn Away
- 2 Tim 4 v 14-15 - Beware
- AND ultimately (by local church)
- 1 Tim 1 v 19-20 - Deliver (to restore)

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*“But reject profane & old wives’ fables, & exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is & of that which is to come” (1 Tim 4 v 7-8)*

*“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you...Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself & to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself & those who hear you” (1 Tim 4 v 12-16)*

*“But you, O man of God, flee these things & pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life” (1 Tim 6 v 11-12)*

# An Outline Of The Letter

Ch 1: The Charge - An Introduction

Ch 2v1 - 4 v5: The Charge & The Life Of The Church

Ch 4v6 - 16: The Charge & Timothy's Responsibility

Ch 5v1 - 6v10: The Charge & The Members Of The Church

Ch 6v11-21: The Charge - A Conclusion

## Ch 1 v 1-4 (NKJV)

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God our Saviour & the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, a true son in the faith:

Grace, mercy, & peace from God our Father & Jesus  
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“Just” a Letter?

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