



Pastoral Epistles Background

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The Church:

Background to 1 Timothy

The Ephesian Church:

Timothy:

Goal of Letter:

I. What should a leader Teach?

- False teaching 1 versus the gospel: Chapter 1:3-17

- False teaching 2 versus the gospel: Chapter 4:1-5

- The leader with right living and right doctrine: Chapter 4:16



II. Who should have authority?

- Relationship of government authority to the church: Chapter 2:1-2

- Relationship of women to the church: Chapter 2:9-15

- The character of elders and deacons in the Church: Chapter 3: 1-16

III. How should we live and relate to one another in the church?

- Generations and gender: Chapter 5: 1-2

- Widows, proper and improper: Chapter 5: 3-16

- Elders: Chapter 5: 17-20

- Slaves: Chapter 6: 1-2

- Final warning against money-loving teachers: Chapter 6:3-10

Conclusion:

- Paul's Summary: Chapter 6:20-21



OUTLINE OF I TIMOTHY

I. Salutation (1:1-2)

II. Confronting False Teaching with the True Gospel (1:3-20)

- A. The charge to deal with false teachers (1:3-11)
- B. Paul: an example of the effect of the true gospel (1:12-17)
- C. Restatement of the charge to deal with false teachers (1:18-20)

III. Gospel-Shaped Living, Part 1 (2:1-3:16)

- A. Authority of the state; authority in the church (2:1-15)
- B. Qualifications for overseers (3:1-7)
- C. Qualifications for deacons (3:8-13)
- D. The goal: proper conduct in God's household (3:14-16)

IV. Identifying False Teaching and the True Gospel (4:1-16)

- A. How to identify false teachers (4:1-5)
- B. How Timothy should be shaped by the gospel (4:6-16)

V. Gospel-Shaped Living, Part 2 (5:1-6:2a)

- A. Respectful dealing with church members by age and gender (5:1-2)
- B. Honoring widows (5:3-16)
- C. Honoring elders (5:17-25)
- D. Honoring masters (6:1-2a)

VI. Confronting False Teaching Again (6:2b-21)

- A. False teachers and greed (6:2b-10)
- B. Timothy's behavior in contrast (6:11-16)
- C. Charge to the rich (6:17-19)
- D. Closing exhortation to Timothy (6:20-21)