

"A Commitment To Discipleship"

2 Timothy 2:2

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INTRO: *The importance of a hand-off...*

- 4X100 Olympic relay... (men's & women's)

2 Timothy 2:2

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Acts 16:1-5

1 Paul came to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, **2** and he was well spoken of by the brothers who were in Lystra and Iconium. **3** Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. **4** Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering the decrees which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe. **5** So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.

Spirit - Selection - Sacrifice - Surrender - Strengthening

ESV Study Bible on 1 Timothy

Theme

The theme of 1 Timothy is that the gospel leads to practical, visible change in the lives of those who believe it. It is often thought that the theme is church order, but the discussion of church offices is simply a piece of the larger argument that the true gospel, in contrast to false teaching, will always lead to godliness in its adherents.

Key Themes

1. The gospel produces holiness in the lives of believers, and there is no legitimate separation between belief and behavior. Thus, those who profess faith but do not demonstrate any progress in godliness should question their spiritual state.	1:5; 2:8–15; 3:1–16; 4:6–16; 5:4–6, 8; 6:3–5, 11–14, 18–19
2. Worldwide evangelization is essential and is rooted in God’s own evangelistic desire.	1:15; 2:1–7; 3:16; 4:10
3. One key evidence of reception of the gospel is proper behavior in corporate worship (evangelistic prayer, unity, modesty, and submission).	2:1–15

4. Church leaders should be people whose lives are shaped by the gospel.	3:1–13; 4:6–16
5. Appropriate honor is a key element in how Christians should relate to one another in the church.	5:1–6:2
6. The created order is good and is to be appreciated, though not worshiped.	4:4–5; 6:17–19
7. It is important to labor for the purity and preservation of the gospel.	1:3–7, 18–20; 4:6–16; 6:2b–3, 12, 20–21

Purpose, Occasion, and Background

Paul wrote 1 Timothy in order to advise his young coworker Timothy concerning issues that were arising at the church in Ephesus. When Paul left Timothy in Ephesus, he had specifically charged him to deal with some false teachers in the church (**1:3**). Since Paul was then separated from Timothy and the church, he wrote back to him with further instructions. He hoped to return for a visit but wrote in the meantime to address the way in which Christians should behave (**3:14–15**). Throughout the letter Paul grounds Christian behavior in the gospel.

The false teachers are the primary occasion for the letter. The letter as a whole is bracketed by discussion of the false teaching, and the positive instruction is crafted in direct contrast to the false teachers...

Paul's real concern is with the results of the false teaching—for example, promoting speculations (1:4; 6:4), arrogance (6:4), and greed (6:5–10). Paul addresses the content of the false teaching only in passing but focuses on the fact that true Christianity is evidenced by lifestyles shaped by the gospel. Those whose lives are not shaped by the gospel show that they have turned away from the faith (1:6, 19–20; 4:1; 5:6, 8, 11–12, 15; 6:9–10).

First Timothy is a clear call for the church to live out in tangible ways the ethical implications of the gospel.

1 Timothy 1:1-7

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, 2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Warning Against False Teachers

3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, 4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. 5 **The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.**

6 Certain persons, by swerving from these, have **wandered away** into vain discussion, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

Wonder – Warning – Worshipping - Wandering

1 Timothy 1:12, 15 & 18-21

Christ Jesus Came to Save Sinners

12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service... 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.** 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost (sinner), Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Mission - Miracle – Mercy - Majesty

18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, **my child**, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may **wage the good warfare**, **19** holding faith and a good conscience. **By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith**, **20** among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, **whom I have handed over to Satan** that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Work – Warfare – Wrecks – Wow!

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Pray for All People

1 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made **for all people**, **2** for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, **godly and dignified in every way**. **3** This is good, and it is **pleasing** in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires **all people** to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5 **For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony

given at the proper time. 7For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles **in faith and truth**.

**Prayer – Peoples – Peaceful – Pleasing – Prince –
Appointed – Preacher – Apostle**

1 Timothy 3 = (qualities for Overseers & Deacons)

1 Timothy 4:1-3; 6, 7, 10, 11, 15-16

Some Will Depart from the Faith

1Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 2through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, 3who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

Depart – Devoting – Deceitful – Demons

A Good Servant of Christ Jesus

v.6 If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the

words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.

IF – Inform – Inspect - Inspire

v.7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather **discipline/train yourself for godliness**;

Divorce – Discern – Discipline - Discipleship

v.10 For to this end **we toil and strive**, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

Sweat – Strive – Sanctify – Savior

v.11 **Command and teach these things...**

Commanded & Commissioned

v.15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.

Improvise – Immerse – Increase

v.16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Watch-out & Work-out

1 Timothy 5:24

24The sins of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later.

No one is going to get away with ANYTHING!

1 Timothy 6:3-10

False Teachers and True Contentment

3If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and

the teaching that accords with godliness, **4**he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. **He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth**, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. **6**But godliness with contentment is great gain, **7**for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. **8**But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. **9**But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10**For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

vv.11-12 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. **12 Fight the good fight of the faith.** Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

vv.13-14 **I charge you** in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, **14 to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach** until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ...

vv.17-19 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. **18** They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, **19** thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

v.20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,

v.21 for by professing it (false knowledge) some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.

2 Timothy

Key Themes

1. Suffering is a standard part of Christian experience.	1:8, 12; 2:3, 9; 3:11–12; 4:5, 14–18
2. The Christian response to suffering is faithful perseverance by God’s power.	1:8; 2:1, 11–13; 4:1–8
3. The gospel is the ground for the Christian’s endurance.	1:9–11; 2:8–10
4. The Scriptures have power to save and preserve.	2:15; 3:15–17; 4:1–2
5. True believers will persevere; failure to persevere proves one is not converted.	2:11–13, 19; 3:14; 4:7, 10
6. False teaching is deadly and must be dealt with firmly.	2:16–18, 23–26; 3:1–9; 4:3–5

2 Timothy 1: Greeting

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ

Jesus, **2**To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Guard the Deposit Entrusted to You

3I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. **4**As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. **5**I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. **6**For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, **7**for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

8Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, **9**who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, **10**and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, **11**for which I was appointed a preacher and

apostle and teacher, **12** which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. **13** Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. **14** By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

15 You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. **16** May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, **17** but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— **18** may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

2 Timothy 2

A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, **2** and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. **3** Share in

suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. [4](#)No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. [5](#)An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. [6](#)It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. [7](#)Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

[8](#)Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, [9](#)for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! [10](#)Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. [11](#)The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
[12](#)if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
[13](#)if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

A Worker Approved by God

[14](#)Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. [15](#)Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker

who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. [16](#)But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, [17](#)and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, [18](#)who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. [19](#)But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

[20](#)Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. [21](#)Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

[22](#)So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. [23](#)Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. [24](#)And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, [25](#)correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant

them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, [26](#)and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

[2 Timothy 3](#)

Godlessness in the Last Days

[1](#)But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. [2](#)For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3](#)heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, [4](#)treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, [5](#)having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. [6](#)For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, [7](#)always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. [8](#)Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. [9](#)But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

All Scripture Is Breathed Out by God

10You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, **11**my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. **12**Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, **13**while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. **14**But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it **15**and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17**that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4

Preach the Word

1I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: **2**preach the word; be

ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. **3**For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, **4**and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **5**As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

6For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. **7**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8**Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Personal Instructions

9Do your best to come to me soon. **10**For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. **11**Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. **12**Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. **13**When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the

parchments. [14](#)Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. [15](#)Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. [16](#)At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! [17](#)But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. [18](#)The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings

[19](#)Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. [20](#)Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. [21](#)Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers.

[22](#)The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

T/S:

Another way to see & say that is...



One FAITH. One FAMILY. One FOCUS.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will BE My witnesses (locally, regionally, and globally).” – Acts 1:8

One Question: *WHAT DO YOU WANT?*
One Offer: *COME AND SEE.*
One Promise: *TRUTH IN LOVE!*

Our Truth-in-Love Distinctives: We are...

- 1.** Responding to grace & repenting of sin...
- 2.** Trusting the Bible & obeying God's Word...
- 3.** Growing in-Christ & living Spirit-led...
- 4.** Praying for guidance & following by faith...
- 5.** Dying to self & carrying our cross...
- 6.** BE-ing the Church & loving one another...(*truly loving* one another)
- 7.** Equipping the saints & exemplifying supernatural unity...
- 8.** Ministering as ambassadors & discerning matters shrewdly...
- 9.** Worshipping God vertically & experiencing Him horizontally...
- 10.** Proclaiming the Gospel (*no matter what*) & fishing for men...
- 11.** Making disciples-warriors & winning spiritual-warfare...
- 12.** Loving our King & serving His kingdom!

Let's Pray!