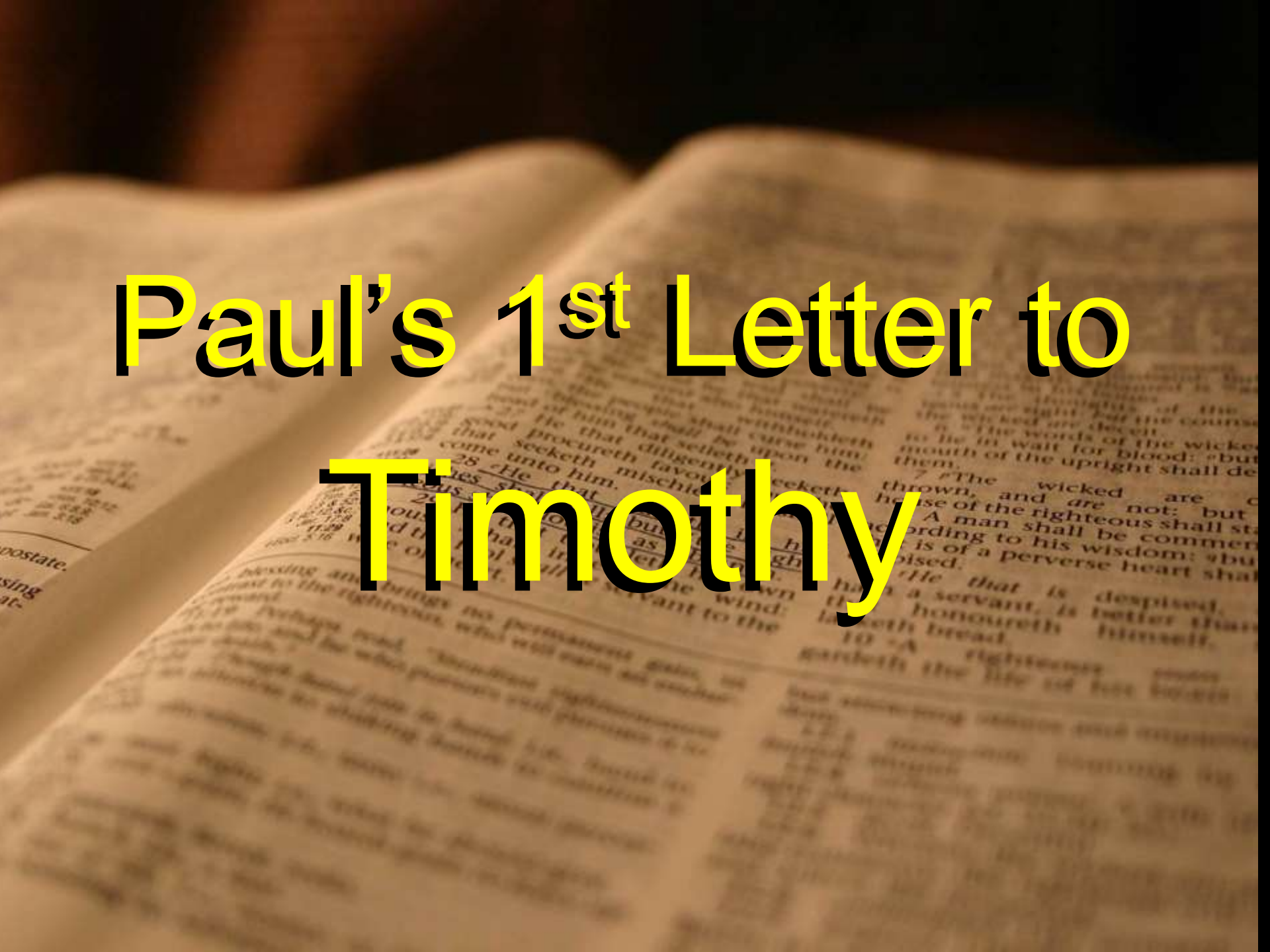


Paul's 1st Letter to Timothy



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Chapter 1

Sound Doctrine

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- Paul will emphasize that there are two aspects of a spiritual officer:
 - He must be a man of faith, and
 - He must be motivated by love.
- Paul explains the three responsibilities in a local church:
 - 1) Teach sound doctrine vv.1-11
 - 2) Proclaim the Gospel vv.12-17
 - 3) Defend the faith vv.18-20

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the
commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord
Jesus Christ, *which is* our hope;

1 Timothy 1:1

- “Commandment”: by royal commission. Both Paul and Timothy were sent by the King of Kings!
- “Our Savior”: 10X in these pastoral epistles.
- “Our Hope”: Our Blessed Hope!
He is coming for us and that should be the ultimate encouragement in times of stress.

Unto Timothy, *my* own son in the faith: Grace,
mercy, *and* peace, from God our Father and
Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Timothy 1:2

As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

1 Timothy 1:3

- “Charge” = “to give strict orders from a superior officer.” [8X in his 2 letters to Timothy]

Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: *so do.*

1 Timothy 1,4

- Ephesus was the heartland of the mystery religions of that today:
 - The temple to Hadrian
 - The temple to Trajan, and
 - The great temple of Diana
- All centered in Ephesus, all based on Greek mythology

Ephesus Background

- Ephesus was not the easiest place to minister:
 - The city was known throughout the world for its lascivious worship of Diana, yet Paul had done a great work in his three years there, so “all they which dwelt in (the province of) Asia heard the word of Jesus.”

Acts 19:10
 - Paul wrote this letter from Macedonia while Timothy was in Ephesus to encourage him and give him some management advice

Ephesus Background

- Heterodoxy had infested the church: legalism and speculative theology based on myths and genealogies
- There are two basic issues facing every believer:
 - Creed (interior)
 - Conduct (exterior)

Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:

1 Timothy 1:5

- “A pure heart” = in contrast to the old nature
- “Conscience” = (“to know with”); 21X in Paul’s letters, 6X in these epistles.
 - It is possible to sin against the conscience so that it becomes defiled **Titus 1:15**
even seared like scar tissue **1 Tim 4:2**
- Love is an active concern for others; which means you won’t gossip about them or in any way bring harm to them...



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