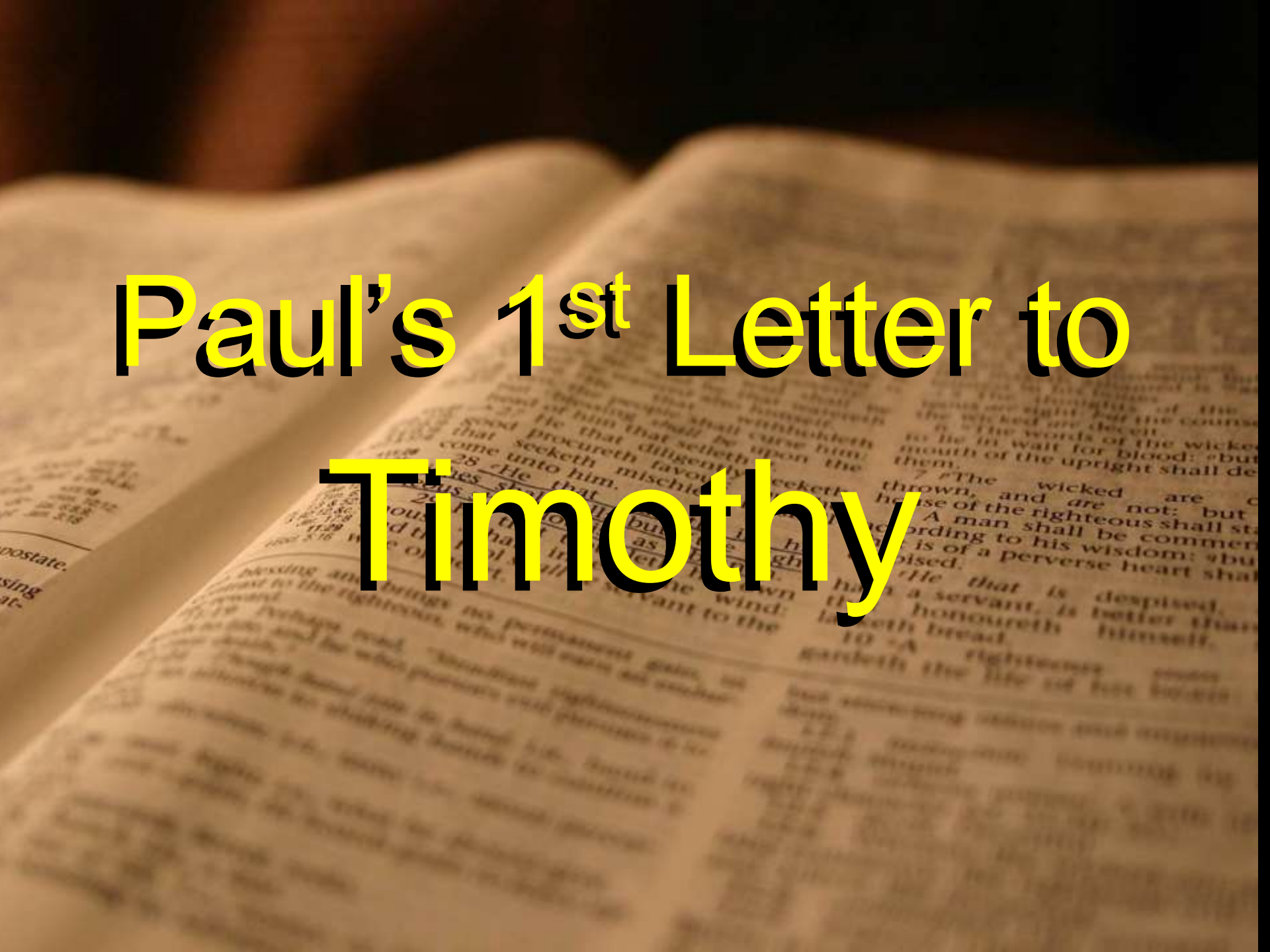


Paul's 1st Letter to Timothy



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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

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

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

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 rules out gossip, murmuring or anything that would bring harm to them...

From which some having swerved have turned
aside unto vain jangling;

Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding
neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

1 Timothy 1:6,7

- “Vain jangling” = meaningless talk; empty chatter, beautiful words, vapid content
- Those who teach error do it with assurance
- *“If you tell a lie long enough and loud enough, people will believe it!”*

But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;

1 Timothy 1:8

- We need to see the Law is good: **Rom 7:12,18**
We need to recognise our inability to keep the law.
Acts 13:38-39
- The idea that in and of yourself you can please God absolutely contradicts the Word of God
You cannot meet His standard. **Rom 8:8**
- The law was not given to save us, but to reveal that God is holy and that you and I are not holy
- We are not saved *by* good works; we are saved *unto* good works **Eph 2:8-10**

Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

1 Timothy 1:9-11

The Role of the Law

- Paul lists 14 kinds of people condemned by the law Rom 7:20-23; Rom 1:18-32; Gal 5:19-21
- It cannot save lost sinners Gal 2:21; 3:21-29
- The law is to expose, restrain, and convict the lawless
- It can only reveal the need for a savior
- When a sinner believes on Jesus Christ, he is freed from the curse of the law
Gal 3:10-14

5 of the 10 Commandments

- *Honor thy father and thy mother*
 - “For murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers.”
- *Thou shalt not murder*
 - “For murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers.”
- *Thou shalt not commit adultery*
 - “For whoremongers [fornicators], for them that defile themselves with mankind [sodomites],”
- *Thou shalt not steal*
 - “For menstealers”
- *Thou shalt not bear false witness*
 - “Liars... perjured persons.”

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

1 Timothy 1:12

- *All* believers are in the ministry if we are a child of God
- Paul recognised that his position (and therefore Timothy's) as being a result of Divine appointment
 - That gives a pastor boldness and conviction!

Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.

1 Timothy 1:13

- **Blasphemer:** He had denied the deity of Jesus Christ and forced others to deny it.
- **Persecutor:** He had used physical power to try to destroy the church **Acts 8:1-4**
- “Ignorance?” appealing to a special Jewish law **Lev 5:15-19; Num 15:22-31**

And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:14

- “Exceedingly abundant”: Paul uses the Greek prefix *huper* = “super”:
 - *super*increase in faith **2 Thess 1:3**
 - *super*abounding power **Eph 1:19**
 - *super*conqueror **Rom 8:37**
- This has become, in English, “hyper...”

This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

1 Timothy 1:15

- Paul's point is, that if God could save him, God can save any (all) of us.
- He considered himself to be the "least of the apostles" **1 Cor 15:9**
and the "least of all saints" **Eph 3:8**
 - Note he says not "I was chief", but "*I am* chief."

Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

1 Timothy 1:16

- **Grace and mercy = God's love in action.**
- **God turned:**
 - the persecutor into a preacher;
 - the murderer into a missionary...

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible,
the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for
ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17

- [Paul almost involuntarily breaks out into this doxology...]

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy,
according to the prophecies which went before
on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good
warfare;

1 Timothy 1:18

- **We are in a warfare** **Eph 6:10-18**
- **You have a real enemy.**
 - He is knowledgeable and resourceful.
 - And you are on *his* turf!

Our Armor

Ephesians 6



- Girded with Truth
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- Feet shod with preparation
- Shield of Faith
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of the Spirit
- Our Heavy Artillery: Prayer

Our Imperative

Finally, my brethren,
be strong in the Lord,
and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:10

Imperative Mood: *This is a command*

Present Tense: *Be continually strong*

Passive Voice: *You receive the action*

Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:19,20

- Paul mentions these two apostates elsewhere and has little good to say about them
 - Apostolic prerogative: **2 Tim 4:14**
 - Peter exercised it also: **1 Cor 5:3-5**
 - Peter exercised it also: **Acts 5:1-11**



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