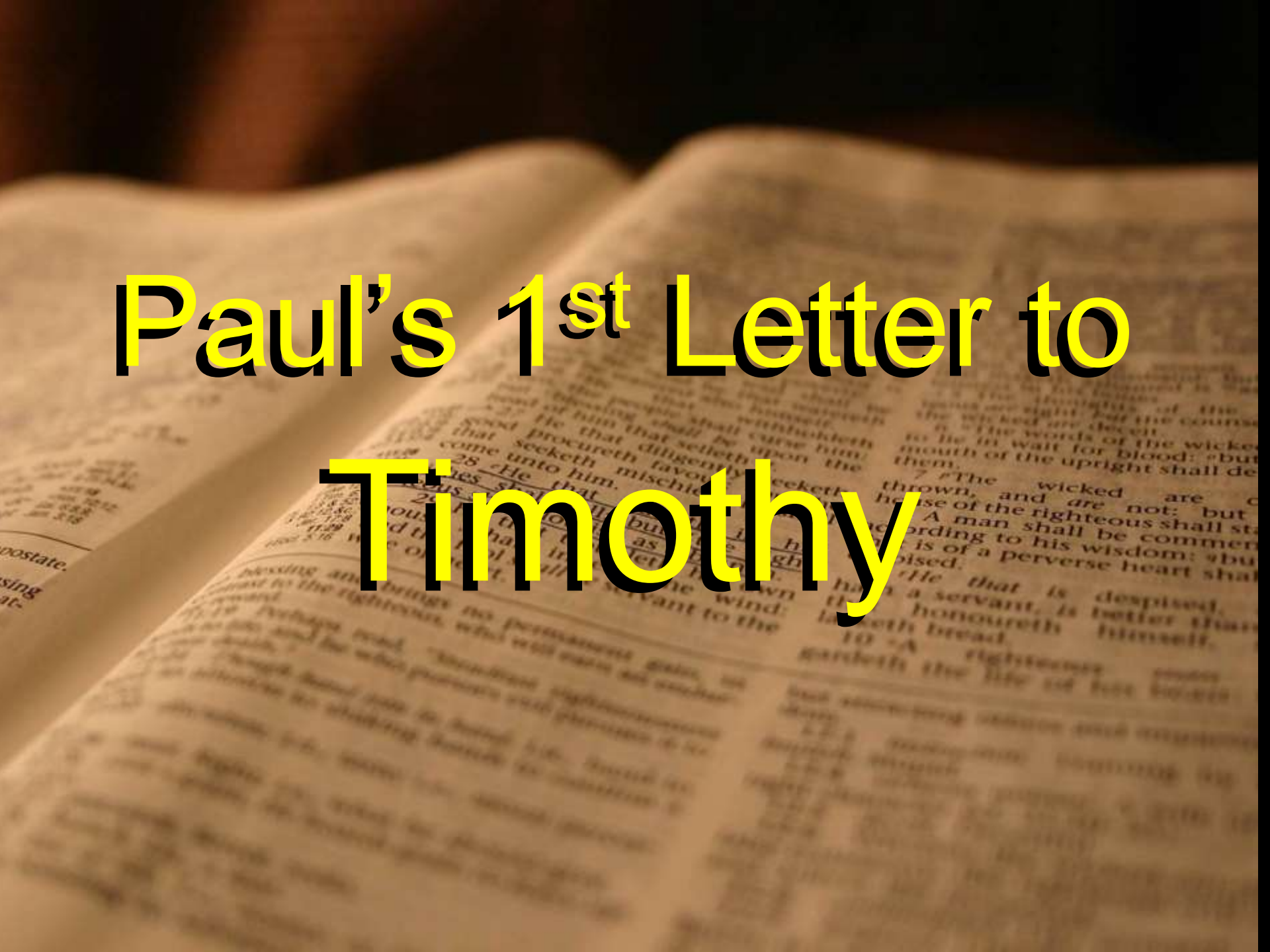


Paul's 1st Letter to Timothy



1st & 2nd Timothy Structure

1st Timothy:

- 1) Faith of the church; doctrine
- 2) Order of the church
- 3) Officers of the church
- 4) Apostasy that was coming
- 5-6) Duties of the officers

2nd Timothy:

- 1) Afflictions of the church
- 2) Activity of the church
- 3-4) Allegiance of the church

1st Timothy

CHAPTER II.

That it is meet to pray and give thanks for all men, and the reason why, 1—8. How women should be attired, 9—11. They are not permitted to teach, 12—14. They shall be saved, notwithstanding the testimonies of God's wrath, in child-birth, if they continue in faith, 15.

I EXHORT³ therefore, that, ^afirst of all, ^bsupplications, prayers, intercessions, ^cand giving of thanks, be made for ^dall men;

2 For ^ekings, and ^ffor all that are in authority;⁴ ^gthat we may lead a

church, that they might be instructed by this discipline, 'not to blaspheme' Christ, or disgrace his gospel by their impious tenets.

CHAP. II.

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3 Or, *desire*, Ep. 3. 13; He.6.11.

^a 1Co.15.3.

^b Ge. 18. 23-32; 1Ki.8. 41-43; Ps.67.1-4; Mat. 6.9,10.

^c Ro.1.8; Ep.5.20.

^d ver. 4; Ac.17.30; Ti. 2.11;3.2.

^e Ezr.6.10; Ps.20.1-4.

^f Ro.13.1; 1Pe.2.13,14.

4 Or, *eminent place*.

^g 2 Sa.20.19; Pr.24.21

Ec.8.2-5; Ro.12.18;

Th.4.11; He.12.14.

^h Lu.1.6; 2.25; Ac.10

22; Phil. 1.8; Ti. 2.11

Order of the Church

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;

1 Timothy 2:1

- “First of all” = the priority of prayer...

Prayer

Seven different Greek nouns for prayer:
four here:

- **Supplications:** Gr: *deesis*
 - 1) need, indigence, want, privation, penury
 - 2) a seeking, asking, entreating, entreaty to God or to man.
 - Hence, “offering a request for a felt need.”
- **Prayers:** Gr: *proseuche*
 - emphasizes the sacredness of prayer

Prayer

- **Intercessions (petitions):** *enteuxis*
 - “To draw near to a person and converse confidently with him.”
 - Emphasizes fellowship, confidence.
 - (same as blessing the food we eat.) 1 Tim 4:5
- **Thanksgiving:** *eucharistia*
 - Sometimes we need to imitate David and present to God only thanksgiving, with no petitions at all!

Psalm 103. Cf. Phil 4:6; Dan 6:10-11

Prayer

- “All men” = no person on earth is outside the influence of believing prayer:

- Saved/unsaved

Num 14:19; 1 Sam 7:3-5; 12:23; Jer 7:1-16; 14:10-11

- Stephen:

Acts 7:59-60

- near us or far away

- Enemies or friends

For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1 Timothy 2:2

- Especially for those in authority; for, among other things that the Word might continue to go out to the lost.

v.4

Submission To Governing Authorities?

- And Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Mark 12:17

- *Be absolutely submissive to God and you will discern from God’s ways how to be secondarily submissive to human institutions and authorities.*

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man
for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king,
as supreme;

Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent
by him for the punishment of evildoers, and
for the praise of them that do well.

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye
may put to silence the ignorance of foolish
men:

1 Peter 2:13-15

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Romans 13:1-2

- “damnation” = judgment; condemnation

Believer's Relationship to Government

- Exception: Acts 4:18-21
- Know the law: Acts 23: 1-5; 11; 28:19

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

Acts 4:13-14

But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

Acts 4:15-17

And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:18-20

So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

Acts 4:21

- They chose to ignore this edict from their governing council.

Believer's Relationship to Government

- We have a different situation, one not expressly addressed in Scripture.
 - Our officials are actually *our employees!*
 - The Bible does not deal directly with the responsibilities of a democracy in which officials are elected and laws are drafted by elected officials and have authority over the officials.
 - *We are committed to the rule of law, not a specific ruler.*
 - Submission in our Democracy is primarily to laws and legal processes, not to persons.

Believer's Relationship to Government

- Biblical submission is a readiness *to obey law and uphold the legal order*,
 - Not an approval or endorsement of all lawmakers or even all laws absolutely.
- Christ's absolute supremacy over our lives qualifies the absoluteness of human law.
 - John the Baptist's preaching is an example of a proper indictment of present government authority.

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11

- That's what Jesus said of John the Baptist!
- But John is in Prison
 - *For publicly indicting the ruling king!*

For when Herod had John arrested, he bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. For John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

Matthew 14:3-4

Opposition to a leader's behavior, public criticism of it, and declaration of moral unfitness for office, is not necessarily inconsistent with a submissive spirit to governing authorities.

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Romans 13:3

- Contrast with rebellious Jews against Roman law.
 - Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome.
- **Problem:** what is to be done when the “rulers are evil and a terror to good works”?

A Cynical Prediction

- I believe that we are going to see more persecution of Christians in this country in the future.
- J. Vernon McGee stated that, in his view, this will probably *not* include many *church members*:
 - “the liberal Church is so compromised today that they will go along with whatever comes along.”

Welby: 'Who cares' if you're Protestant or Catholic?

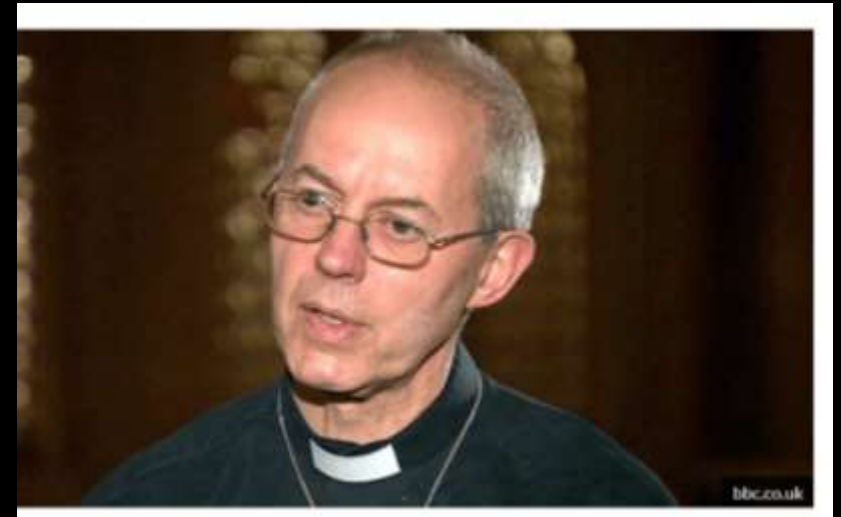
The Archbishop of Canterbury has made the astonishing admission that he does not care if vicars leave the Anglican church to become Roman Catholic priests.

In an interview with the Spectator magazine, Justin Welby was asked about a range of issues affecting the Church of England, including declining attendances. He dismissed this, claimed the decline is “flattening”, and was similarly dismissive of the number of clergy deserting the Church of England’s ranks.

When asked what he thought about the issue, he responded: “Who cares?”

“I don’t mind about all that. Particularly if people go to Rome, which is such a source of inspiration.

“I had an email from a very old friend, and Anglican priest who has decided to go to Rome. I wrote back saying: how wonderful! As long as you are following your vocation, you are following Christ.”



For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God
our Saviour;

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come
unto the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3,4



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