

# 1 Timothy 1:1-2

LESSON 01

## Introduction

### 1. Purpose of Studying 1 Timothy

- a. To place ourselves in Timothy's shoes as he follows Paul's pattern – 2 Tim 3:10
- b. To learn Pauline instruction for local church order and operation – 1 Cor 14:40
- c. Sound doctrine is important for good behavior in the church – 1Co 15:32-33
- d. We can see where the rubber meets the road in Ephesus from 1 Timothy

### 2. What to Expect

- a. Details - 6 ch. 113 vs. 2,244 words; "Pastoral epistles", longest to one person
  - i. When in Acts it is written is unknown, but Paul is not in prison - 1 Tim 1:3
  - ii. Some things to note – Ac 20:1; 1Co 16:11; 2Co 1:1, 1:8, 2:12-13
  - iii. It is surely Pauline and in this dispensation, but its content is contentious
- b. Audience – Timothy/Timotheus - most mentioned by Paul (>20x)
  - i. Ephesus is a wealthy city filled with false religion, love of power, and money
  - ii. Ephesian elders were warned of false teachers – Acts 20:29-30
- c. Purpose – To give Tim charge concerning doctrine, deportment, discipline, duty
  - i. "These things I write unto thee ... know how...to behave" - 1Ti 3:14-15
  - ii. "by the commandment of God...teach no other doctrine" – 1Ti 1:1-3,18, 6:13
  - iii. Timothy becomes entrusted in these epistles – 1 Tim 1:11, 6:20
  - iv. Why it's in the Bible? Fills a need in church discipline/leadership under grace
- d. Themes – It is a stern and forceful charge (6x) concerning doctrine (9x) – 1 Tim 1:3
  - i. Doctrine, teaching, reading, teaching is a frequent topic – 1 Tim 4:13,16
  - ii. Paul is concerned about avoiding blasphemy – 1 Tim 1:10, 13, 20; 6:1
  - iii. *Blasphemy* - speaking against God by your word, will, works – Ro 2:14, Ti 2:5
  - iv. Purity (6x) is mentioned frequently – 1 Tim 1:5, 3:9, 5:2, 5:22
  - v. "good work" – 12x – good profession, good conscience, do good...
  - vi. Good warfare, hold, fight, adversary - 1 Tim 1:18, 5:14, 6:12
  - vii. "Good minister" – 1 Tim 4:6 concerning warning, doctrine, godliness (9x)
  - viii. 2 "faithful sayings" – 1 Tim 1:15, 4:9 – 1 Timothy is 2 Timothy 2:2 in action

### 3. General Outline (6 chapters)

- a. Ch. 1 - The good conscience of a church: no other doctrine
- b. Ch. 2-3 - The good work of people in the church
  - i. (Prayer, God's will, men/women, bishops, deacons, behavior)
- c. Ch. 4 - The good minister in a church
- d. Ch. 5-6 - The good and the bad in the church
  - i. (Treatment of elders, widows, sinners, servants, false teachers, rich)
- e. Conc. - A good foundation by avoiding error and doing good – 1Tim 6:18-20