

Pastoral Epistles

(I Timothy)

Key Verse = I Timothy 3:15

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

- I. The Church and its Message (Chapter 1)
 - a. Teaching **sound** Doctrine 1:1-11
 - b. Preaching a glorious gospel 1:12-17
 - c. **Defending** the Faith 1:18-20
- II. The Church and its Members (Chapter 2-3)
 - a. **Praying** Men
 - i. For Rulers 2:1-3
 - ii. For Sinners 2:4-8
 - b. **Modest** Women
 - i. In Dress 2:9-10
 - ii. In Behavior 2:11-15
 - c. Dedicated **officers**
 - i. Pastors 3:1-7
 - ii. Deacons 3:8-13
 - d. **Behaving** Believers
- III. The Church and its Minister (Chapter 4)
 - a. A good Minister 4:1-6 {His **Preaching** of the Word}
 - b. A Godly Minister 4:7-12 {His **Practice** of the Word}
 - c. A growing Minister 4:13-16 {His **Progress** in the Word}
- IV. The Church and its Ministry (Chapter 5-6)
 - a. To Older Saints 5:1-2
 - b. To **Widows** 5:3-16
 - i. Older Widows 5:3-10
 - ii. Younger Widows 5:11-16
 - c. To Church Leaders 5:17-25
 - d. To Servants (Slaves) 6:1-2
 - e. To **Trouble-Makers** 6:3-5
 - f. To the Rich 6:6-19
 - g. To the Educated 6:20-21

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I Timothy, Introduction:

- Timothy's Mother was a Jewess and his Father was a Greek **Acts 16:1-2**
- He was Circumcised for Testimony sake **Acts 16:3, I Cor 9:20-22, Gal 6:15**
- He is mentioned 24 times
- Last time **Hebrews 13:23**
- Timothy had a Godly influence in the Home **II Timothy 1:5**
- Timothy was led to Christ by Paul, most likely during Paul's stay in Lystra (**Acts 14:6-7**)
- Timothy was Paul's companion on his tour through Macedonia, but when Paul continued on to Athens, Timothy and Silas remained in Berea (**Acts 17:14-16**)
- Timothy ministered to Paul during his stay at Ephesus (**Acts 19**)
- Paul sent him to Macedonia and Corinth (**I Corinthians 4:17, 16:10**)
- He was with Paul while he was imprisoned at Rome (**Colossians 1:1, Philippians 1:1**)
- Timothy was also imprisoned and set free around the same time (**Hebrews 13:23**)
- During the Pastoral Epistles he is evidently at Ephesus as a Pastor
- Paul is giving instruction to a young preacher for life on the eve of his death
- There is a great emphasis on DOCTRINE in the Pastoral epistles (Mentioned 17 times; **I Timothy 1:3, 1:10, 4:1, 4:6, 4:13, 4:16, 5:17, 6:1, 6:3; II Timothy 3:10, 3:16, 4:2, 4:3; Titus 1:9, 2:1, 2:7, 2:10**)
- With such a setting he is; brief, pointed, exact, sober, specific, and imperative.
- 6 Chapters, 113 verses, 2,269 words
- Written between A.D. 62 and A.D. 65

12 Charges Given to Timothy

1. A charge to remember the purpose of the Law and the true nature of the Gospel and to maintain it (**I Timothy 1:3-20**)
2. A charge to continue in prayer and to teach the church to pray (**I Timothy 2:1-8**)
3. A charge to shew women in the church their proper place in the family and as a Christian witness (**I Timothy 2:9-15**)
4. A charge to notify prospective Bishops of their need to qualify for the office (**I Timothy 3:1-7**)
5. A charge to notify prospective Deacons of their need to qualify (**I Timothy 3:8-13**)
6. A charge to be aware of the true nature of the body of Christ and the salient truths for which it stands in the local church (**I Timothy 3:14-16**)
7. A charge to be aware of the false religious teachings already creeping into the local assemblies and to concentrate on godliness (**I Timothy 4:1-11**)
8. A charge to attend to personal holiness and intellectual and spiritual development in order to prosper as a minister (**I Timothy 4:12-16**)
9. A charge to treat older men and women properly in particular elderly widows with no support (**I Timothy 5:1-16**)
10. A charge on how to deal with elders and a personal note on Timothy's own health (**I Timothy 5:17-25**)
11. A Charge showing the correct relationship between servants and Masters (**I Timothy 6:1-5**)
12. A Charge on dealing with rich people and money matters as it relates to eternal life and rewards at the judgment seat of Christ (**I Timothy 6:6-21**)