

1Timothy - Chapter 1 Verse 1 to 7
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1Timothy is an epistle or letter written by the apostle Paul to his spiritual son Timothy whom he had led to the Lord during his first missionary trip. The occasion of this letter is to provide guidance and encouragement to young Timothy in his role of spiritual leader, overseer, bishop, or pastor of the church in Ephesus as well as other churches in the province of Asia. Paul wrote this letter from Macedonia most likely from Philippi around 62 to 63 AD shortly after being released from his first imprisonment in Rome. Most of this epistle deals with pastoral conduct, including pastor's qualifications as a true teacher of God's Word. Paul also provides in this letter instructions for elders and widows. Paul referred to Timothy as his son in the faith.

- Timothy's father was Creek and his mother (Eunice) was Jewish (2Timothy 1:5)
- The Theme of this Epistle: The conduct in the church of the living God
- The purpose for the writing of 1Timothy is to provide a foundation for ordaining elders in the local church. 1Timothy provides an apostolic guideline for the ordination of men who are called to sacred offices within the church.

Christ is presented in the epistle as the "mediator between God and all men, and as the Lord of the church and the savior of all who believe in Him (1Timothy 4:10), and the bishop, elder, overseers or pastor is presented as the under-shepherd of the church. In this epistle the term bishop is used synonymously with the terms elder, overseer and pastor (Acts 20:17, 28 and Titus 1:5-7). The office of deacon or servant is also presented in this epistle however, it is a different office but with similar qualifications.

Verse 1 - In this verse the apostle Paul refers to **God** as our savior because He is the author of our salvation. Paul refers to **Jesus** as our hope since He is the object and example of our expectation.

Verse 2 - In this verse Paul calls Timothy my son in the faith, which expresses the intimacy and legitimacy of their relation with each other and with Christ. Paul further acknowledge God's grace, mercy, and peace which he states is from God our father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse 3 - In this verse the apostle Paul urges young Timothy to stay in place at Ephesus while he goes into Macedonia so he might command certain people not to teach other doctrines. Timothy is to put an end to the teaching of false doctrine.

Verse 4 - Paul further instructs Timothy not to allow or give way to fairytales and endless genealogies, because such things cause useless talk and speculations rather than God's work. Giving time to these things does not help the believer to carry out his or her divine responsibilities entrusted to them by God.

Verse 5 - In this verse Paul is referring to the warning against false doctrine, when he states that the purpose of this command is "love" which comes from a pure heart and from a clear conscience, and from real faith. Genuine true faith in Christ produces a clear conscience that is clear of offense before God by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. This type of motivation produces a pure heart which is free of sin, which bring about "love" for God and others.

Verse 6 - Paul states that some people have already turned or deviated from the virtues of daily living which were discussed in verses 4 and 5 and have adapted meaningless discussion which does not edify God!

Verse 7 - Paul says these people who teach doctrine that is not biblically sound desire to be teachers of the law which is not made for a righteous man and as a result they do not know what they are talking about .