

# The First Letter to Timothy

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*Paul wants to give counsel to his young associate in this Pastoral Letter.*

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- 2 Timothy (Paul's last writing)

In chronological order!



## Key Text is 6:11

<sup>11</sup>”But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.”





**The key term in this book is godliness.**

*What is it?*

*What it is not.*

*How to get and keep it.*

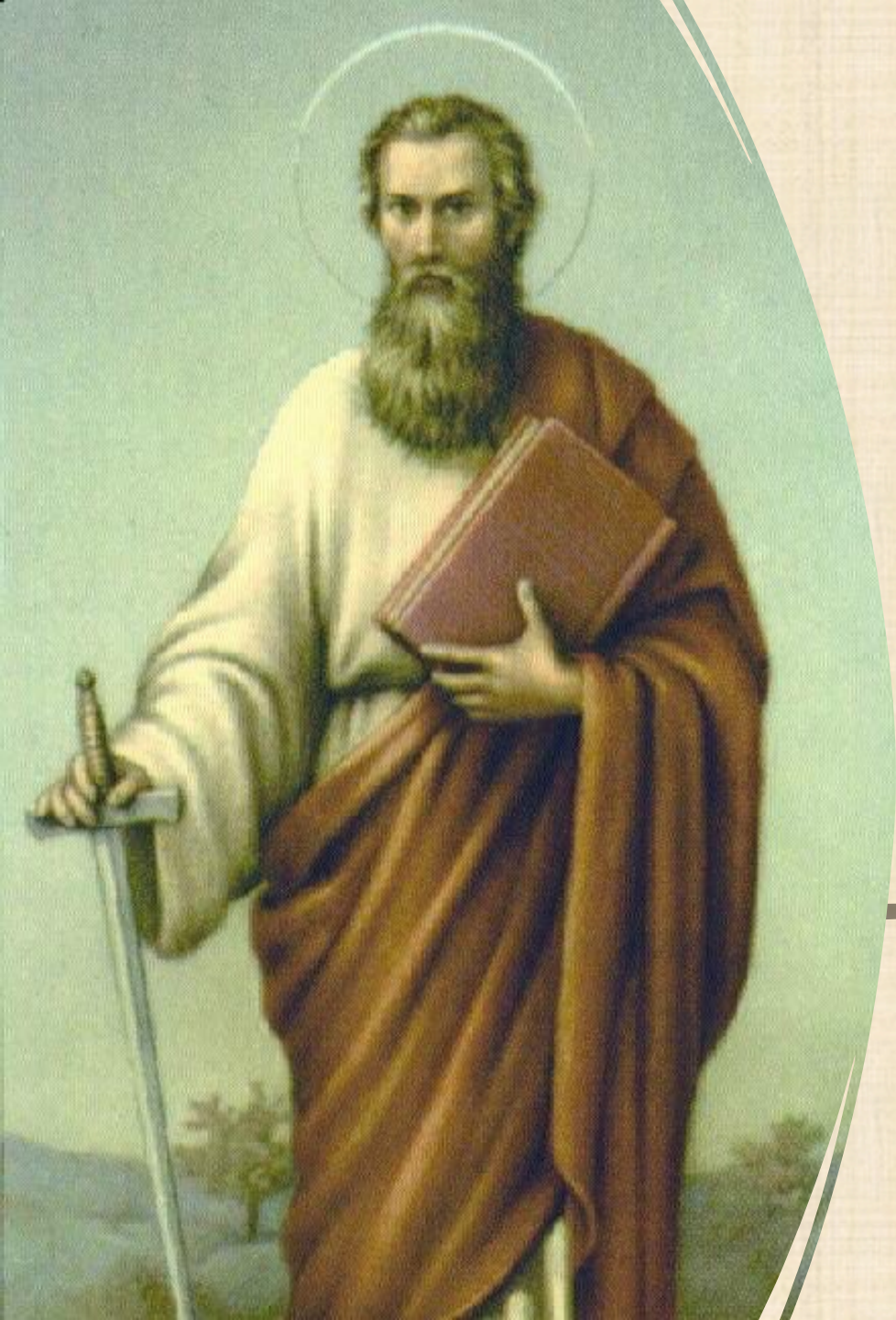
*How - as pastor - you should help your church with it.*



- *A one-line summary sentence:*

- “Whatever challenges Christian leaders face in life and ministry; they are to make progress in godliness and help maintain order in congregational life.”





**Paul wrote this in  
about AD 63.**

**He was martyred in  
either 64 or 65.**

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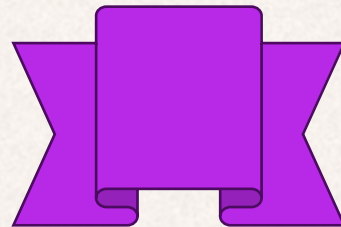


This letter was written to just one person: Timothy! He was perhaps the closest friend that Paul had and was his representative on many occasions.

## JUST WHO WAS TIMOTHY?



- ☐ Born in Lystra (modern day Turkey)
- ☐ His father was a Gentile.
- ☐ His mother, Eunice, was a Jewish-Christian (Act16:1)
- ☐ Remember he was sent to Thessalonica as we learned last week.
- ☐ It was clear that Paul was preparing Timothy to take over after him.





# ***THE OUTLINE FOR 1 TIMOTHY-***

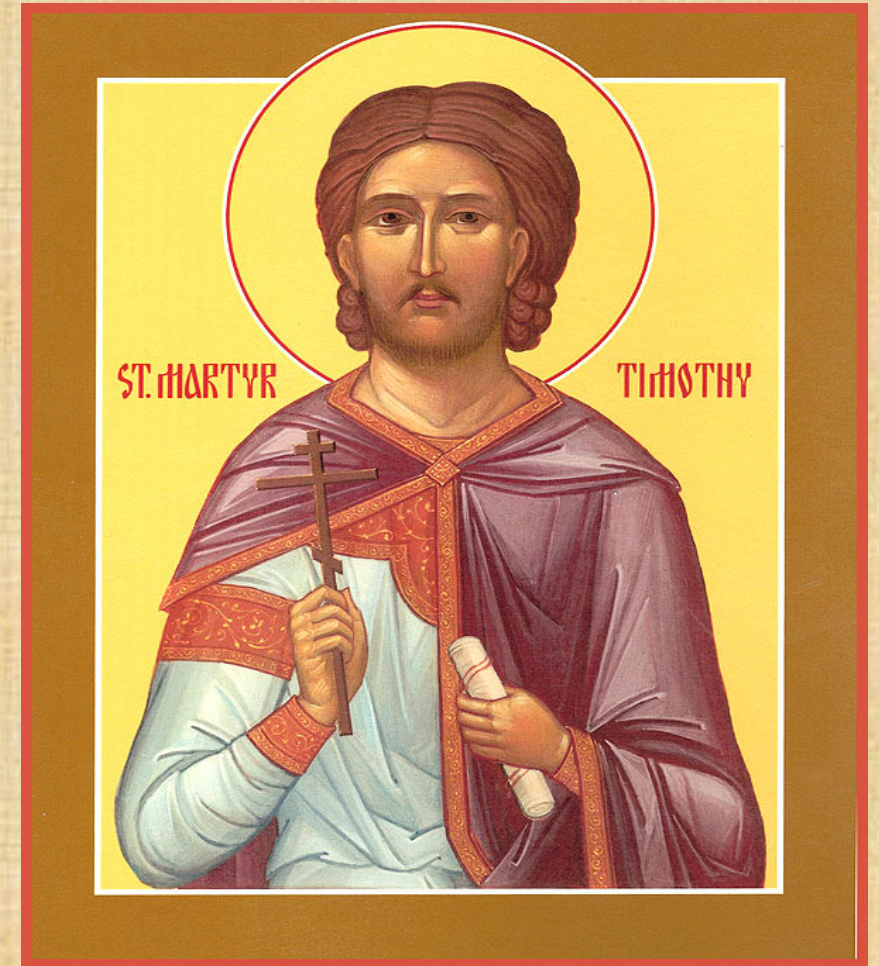
- I. Introduction (1:1-2)**
- II. Warning against False Teachers (1:3-20)**
- III. Guidelines for Church Worship (2:1-15)**
- IV. Instructions for Church Leadership (3:1-13)**
- V. Maintaining the Truth (3:14-4:16)**
- VI. Miscellaneous Instructions for the Church (5:1-6:10)**
- VII. Personal Charge to Timothy (6:11-21)**





**Paul opens 1 Timothy with:**

- ❖ **“To Timothy my true son in the faith...” (verse 1:2)**
- ❖ **Then he charges Timothy to stay in Ephesus to Oppose False teachers.**
- ❖ **(verses 3-8)**
- ❖ **Then there is a brief-but powerful-description of the Lord’s grace that was given to Paul. (vs.12-17)**



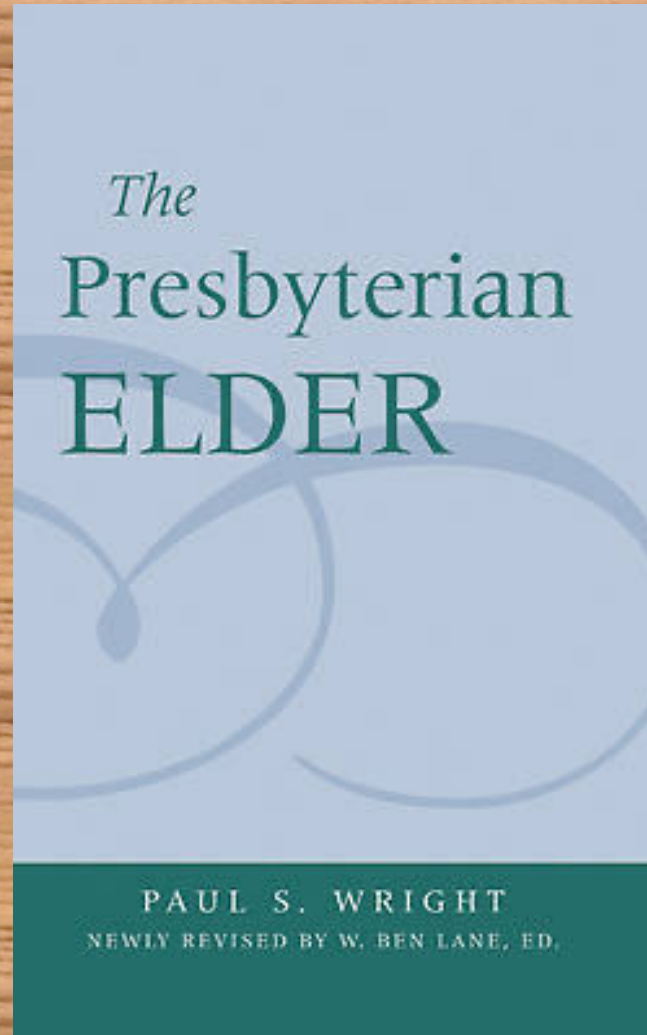


**There is a good directive for early Christian worship order in 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

**2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.**

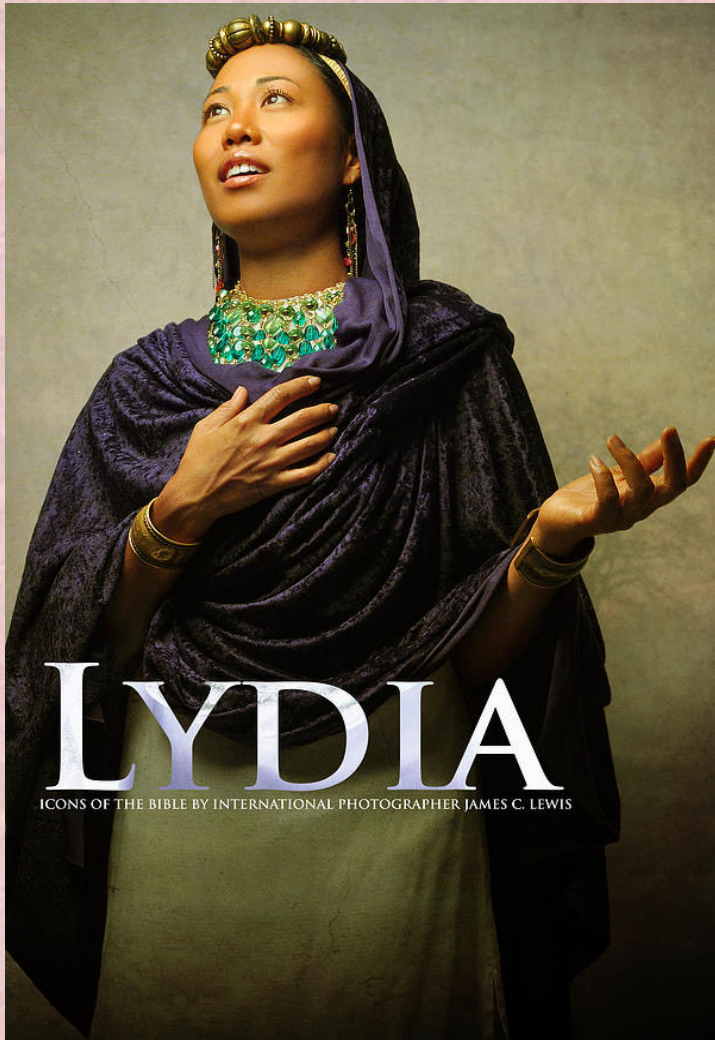
**<sup>8</sup> Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.**





- **Chapters 2 and 3 are the oldest known guide for church order and qualifications for “Overseers” (Elders) and their duties.**
- **The modern reader can just wish for complete list of duties!!**





**Acts 16:11-15, first  
Christian convert.**

**Our attitudes on women in service to the church have changed over the centuries.**

**Paul was not a chauvinist.**

**He praised Priscilla (Roman 16:3).**

**Eudia and Syntyche were “called fellow workers”(Phil 4:2)**

**All barriers for women were eliminated in Galatians 3:28**

*“There is neither Jew nor Gentile,  
neither slave nor free, nor is there male  
and female, for you are all one in Christ  
Jesus.”*



**Yes, the verses in Chapter 2: 9-15 about women are dated.**

**A couple of things:**

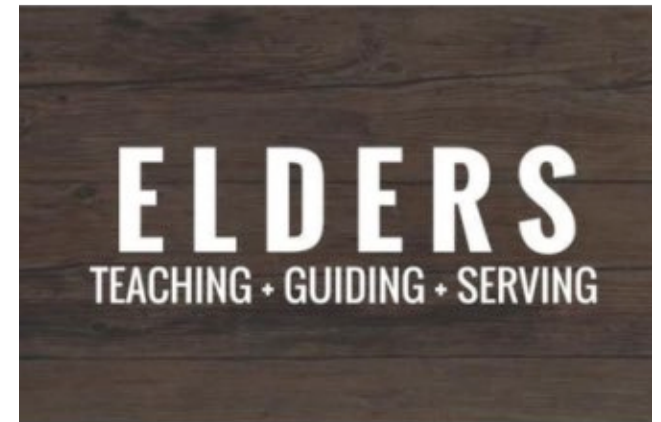
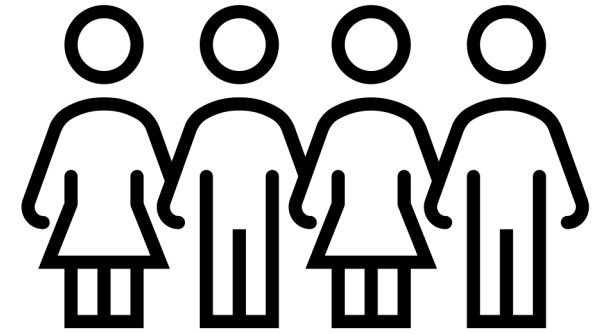
- ☐ **We all need to learn in quietness and full submission.**
- ☐ **Do you see the “I” in verse 12? Well...**





Chapter 3 returns to the qualifications for an 'overseer' and 'deacon'- which are basically seen as the same thing-*elders*. (vs. 1-12)

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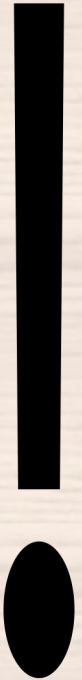


*Verse 3:16 is probably an ancient hymn that Paul quoted.*

“He appeared in the flesh,  
was vindicated by the Spirit  
was seen by angels,  
was preached among the  
nations,  
was believed on in the world,  
was taken up in glory.”



**Chapter 4 begins with Paul cautioning Timothy to beware of false teachings. In this case, it was a false asceticism which forbade marriage and the eating of certain foods. (Vs.4:1-10)**





Chapter 5 gives church  
policy for Widows  
(young and old) and  
church elders.  
(Chapter 5:1-16)

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*"Hey Timothy,  
have a drink  
every once and  
awhile!" -Paul.  
(vs. 5:23)*

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Chapter 6 begins by giving advice  
for slavery and slave owners.  
Seems odd in our modern society!



**Is money the  
root of all  
evil?**

**No!**

**(Verse 6:10)**

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Finally, personal charge to  
the young Timothy from his  
teacher and mentor, Paul.  
Verse 6:11-20

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*Questions?  
Comments?  
How many elders here?*