# 1 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the
command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus
our hope,
2 to Timothy, a true child in faith: grace,
mercy, and peace from God the Father and
Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 When I was going to Macedonia, I urged you
to remain in Ephesus, so that you might
command certain people not to teach a different
doctrine
4 or devote themselves to myths and endless
genealogies, which produce speculations rather
than God's stewardship that is by faith.
5 The aim of the command is love from a pure
heart and a good conscience and sincere faith.
6 Some, having strayed from these things, have
turned aside into empty talk,
7 wanting to be teachers of the law, though
they understand neither what they say nor the
things they assert so confidently.

8 Now we know that the law is good if one
uses it lawfully,
9 knowing this: the law is not laid down for a
righteous person, but for the lawless and
rebellious, the ungodly and sinners, the unholy
and profane, those who kill their fathers and
those who kill their mothers, murderers,

10 the sexually immoral, men who have sex
with men, slave traders, liars, perjurers, and
whatever else is opposed to sound teaching,
11 according to the gospel of the glory of the
blessed God, with which I was entrusted.
12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who
strengthened me, because he considered me
faithful, appointing me to ministry,
13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, a
persecutor, and a violent man. But I received
mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief,
14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed
beyond measure with the faith and love that are
in Christ Jesus.
15 The saying is trustworthy and worthy of full
acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to
save sinners, of whom I am foremost.
16 But for this reason I received mercy, so that
in me, the foremost, Christ Jesus might display
all his patience as an example for those who
would believe in him for eternal life.
17 Now to the King of the ages, immortal,
invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
forever and ever. Amen.
18 I entrust this command to you, my child
Timothy, in accordance with the prophecies
previously made about you, so that by them you
may wage the good warfare,
19 holding faith and a good conscience. Some
have rejected that conscience and suffered
shipwreck concerning the faith.
20 Among them are Hymenaeus and
Alexander, whom I handed over to Satan so that

they may be taught not to blaspheme.

# 2

1 Therefore I urge first of all that petitions,
prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be
made for all people,
2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that
we may lead a calm and quiet life in all
godliness and dignity.
3 This is good and acceptable before God our
Savior,
4 who desires all people to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth.
5 For there is one God, and one mediator
between God and human beings, the man Christ
Jesus,
6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, the
testimony given at the proper times.
7 For this I was appointed a herald and an
apostle—I speak the truth, I am not lying—a
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
8 Therefore I want the men in every place to
pray, lifting holy hands without anger or
argument.
9 Likewise, women should adorn themselves
in respectable clothing, with modesty and
self-control, not with braided hair and gold or
pearls or costly clothing,
10 but with good works, as is fitting for women
who profess reverence for God.
11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all
submission.

12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to
exercise authority over a man, but to be in
quietness.
13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve,
14 and Adam was not deceived, but the
woman, being deceived, came into
transgression.
15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing,
if they continue in faith and love and holiness
with self-control.

# 3

1 The saying is trustworthy: if anyone aspires
to oversight, he desires a good work.
2 Therefore the overseer must be above
reproach, the husband of one wife, sober,
self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to
teach,
3 not given to wine, not violent but gentle, not
quarrelsome, not a lover of money.
4 He must manage his own household well,
keeping his children in submission with all
dignity.
5 For if someone does not know how to
manage his own household, how will he care for
the church of God?
6 He must not be a new convert, so that he
does not become conceited and fall into the
condemnation of the devil.
7 He must also have a good reputation with
outsiders, so that he does not fall into disgrace
and the devil's snare.

8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not
double-tongued, not devoted to much wine, not
greedy for dishonest gain,
9 holding the mystery of the faith with a pure
conscience.
10 Let them also be tested first; then, if they are
beyond accusation, let them serve as deacons.
11 Women likewise must be dignified, not
slanderers, but sober, faithful in everything.
12 Let deacons be husbands of one wife,
managing their children and their own
households well.
13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a
good standing for themselves and great boldness
in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.
14 I write these things to you, hoping to come
to you soon,
15 but so that, if I am delayed, you may know
how one ought to conduct oneself in God's
household, which is the church of the living
God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.
16 And by common confession, the mystery of
godliness is great:
he was revealed in flesh, vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the
nations, believed in the world, taken up in
glory.

# 4

1 But the Spirit expressly says that in later
times some will depart from the faith, devoting
themselves to deceiving spirits and teachings of
demons,

2 through the hypocrisy of liars whose own
conscience is seared,
3 who forbid marriage and require abstinence
from foods that God created to be received with
thanksgiving by those who believe and know the
truth.
4 For everything God created is good, and
nothing is to be rejected if received with
thanksgiving,
5 for it is sanctified through the word of God
and prayer.

6 By setting these things before the brothers
and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ
Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and
the good teaching you have followed.
7 But refuse profane old wives' tales. Train
yourself for godliness,
8 for physical training is of limited benefit, but
godliness is beneficial in every way, having the
promise of the present life and of the one to
come.
9 The saying is trustworthy and worthy of full
acceptance.
10 For to this end we labor and endure insults,
because we have set our hope on the living God,
who is the Savior of all people, especially of
believers.

11 Command and teach these things.
12 Let no one despise your youth, but become
an example to the believers in speech, conduct,
love, faith, and purity.
13 Until I come, devote yourself to public
reading, exhortation, and teaching.

14 Do not neglect the gift in you, which was
given to you through prophecy with the laying
on of the hands of the council of elders.
15 Practice these things; give yourself to them,
so that your progress may be evident to
everyone.
16 Pay attention to yourself and to the
teaching; persevere in these things, for by doing
so you will save both yourself and those who
hear you.

# 5

1 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but
exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers,
2 older women as mothers, younger women as
sisters, in all purity.
3 Honor widows who are truly widows.
4 But if a widow has children or
grandchildren, let them first learn to show
godliness toward their own household and
repay their forebears, for this is acceptable
before God.
5 Now the one who is truly a widow and left
alone has set her hope on God and continues in
petitions and prayers night and day.
6 But the one who lives in self-indulgence is
dead even while she lives.
7 Command these things as well, so that they
may be above reproach.
8 But if anyone does not provide for his own,
and especially for members of his household, he
has denied the faith and is worse than an
unbeliever.

9 Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less
than sixty years old, having been the wife of one
husband,
10 well attested for good works: if she has
raised children, shown hospitality, washed the
feet of the saints, helped the afflicted, and
devoted herself to every good work.
11 But refuse to enroll younger widows, for
when their desires turn them against Christ,
they want to marry,
12 incurring judgment because they have set
aside their first commitment.
13 At the same time they also learn to be idle,
going around from house to house, and not only
idle but also gossips and busybodies, speaking of
things they should not.
14 Therefore I want younger women to marry,
bear children, manage the household, and give
the adversary no opportunity for slander,
15 for some have already turned aside to
follow Satan.
16 If any believing woman has widows in her
care, let her help them, and let the church not be
burdened, so that it may help those who are
truly widows.

17 Let the elders who lead well be considered
worthy of double honor, especially those who
labor in word and teaching,
18 for Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an
ox while it is threshing,” and, “The worker is
worthy of his wages.”
19 Do not accept an accusation against an elder
except on the testimony of two or three

witnesses.
20 In the presence of everyone, rebuke those
who sin, so that the rest may also have fear.
21 I solemnly charge you before God and
Christ Jesus and the chosen angels to keep these
things without prejudice, doing nothing from
favoritism.
22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor
share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.
23 No longer drink only water, but use a little
wine because of your stomach and your
frequent illnesses.
24 Some people's sins are evident, going before
them to judgment; those of others follow after.
25 Likewise good works are also evident, and
those that are not evident cannot remain
hidden.

# 6

1 Let all who are slaves under a yoke consider
their own masters worthy of all honor, so that
the name of God and the teaching may not be
blasphemed.
2 Those who have believing masters must not
despise them because they are brothers, but
serve them all the better, because those who
receive the benefit are believers and beloved.
Teach and urge these things.
3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and
does not adhere to sound words, those of our
Lord Jesus Christ, and to teaching according to
godliness,
4 he is conceited, understanding nothing, but
has a sickly craving for disputes and battles over

words, from which come envy, strife, slanders,
evil suspicions,
5 constant friction among people whose minds
are corrupted and who are deprived of the
truth, imagining godliness to be a means of gain.
6 But godliness with contentment is great gain,
7 for we brought nothing into the world, and
we cannot take anything out.
8 But having food and clothing, we will be
content with these.
9 But those who want to become rich fall into
temptation and a snare and many foolish and
harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin
and destruction.
10 For the love of money is a root of all evils.
By reaching for it, some have wandered from
the faith and pierced themselves with many
sorrows.
11 But you, O man of God, flee these things.
Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,
endurance, and gentleness.
12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of
eternal life, to which you were called. You also
made the good confession before many
witnesses.
13 I command you before God, who gives life
to all things, and Christ Jesus, who testified to
the good confession before Pontius Pilate,
14 to keep the commandment spotless and
above reproach until the appearing of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
15 which at the proper times the blessed and
only Sovereign will display, the King of kings

and Lord of lords,
16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in
unapproachable light, whom no human being
has seen or can see. To him be honor and
eternal might. Amen.
17 Command those who are rich in the present
age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the
uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly
provides us with all things for enjoyment,
18 to do good, to be rich in good works,
generous, ready to share,
19 storing up for themselves a good foundation
for the future, so that they may take hold of the
life that is truly life.
20 O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted
to you, turning away from profane empty talk
and the opposing claims of falsely named
knowledge.
21 Some who profess it have missed the mark
concerning the faith. Grace be with you.

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