

Prison Mission Association



FIRST TIMOTHY LESSON TWO

CHAPTER FOUR

Read 1 Timothy 4:1-16 _____ Check

1. (v. 1) What does the Spirit say will happen in the latter times? _____

Note: The Greek words that are translated as “latter times” are different than those normally used to identify the final days before the coming of Christ. Rather it carries the general idea of the current times in contrast to earlier times. Therefore, the time period discussed here most likely refers to all times since Paul wrote the words up to and including the present. He is describing the nature of the world *without* Christ and the transforming power of the gospel.

2. (v. 2) How are the consciences of those who speak hypocritical lies described? _____

3. (v. 3) What are some of the things taught by these false teachers? _____

4. (vss. 3-4) What do you believe these verses teach about previous food prohibitions that we find in the scriptures? _____

5. (vss. 3-5) Since everything God created is good and not to be refused, how should we receive everything?

Note: These verses clearly demonstrate that God’s commands have changed throughout the various dispensations. The restrictions that God placed on what people could eat went from eating only plants in the Garden of Eden up to the time of the flood. After the flood man could eat any meat until the Law was given to Moses. During the time

of the Law the Jew's diet was restricted to only certain types of animals. Here we see the final command that God has given for us, the members of the Body of Christ. We are no longer bound by the dietary restrictions of the Mosaic Law because we are not under law but under grace.

6. (v. 6) What does Paul instruct Timothy to do with these truths? _____

7. (v. 6) How does Paul describe Timothy if he follows the instructions of the verse? _____

8. (v. 7) What should we avoid and what should we do instead? _____

9. (v. 8) What value does physical training (bodily exercise – KJV) have? _____

10. (v. 8) This verse says that godliness holds a promise for this life and the life to come. Explain what you think that means _____

11. (vss. 9-10) What is the trustworthy (faithful – KJV) saying? _____

Note: This (“savior of all men”) does not mean that God saves every person from eternal punishment, for such universalism would contradict the clear testimony of Scripture. God is, however, the Savior of all in that he offers salvation to all and saves all who come to him. (NIV Study Bible, Grand Rapids, Zondervan © 1995, p. 1840).

12. (v. 12) What should Timothy not allow anyone to do? _____

13. (v. 12) How should Timothy be an example for others? _____

14. (v. 13) What was Timothy to do while he was waiting for Paul? _____

15. (v. 14) What was Timothy not to do with the gift that had been given to him? _____

16. (v. 14) How did Timothy receive this gift? _____

17. (v. 14) What do you think this gift was? _____

Note: We are told that every believer receives a spiritual gift (Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:7). Such gifts are enablements from the Holy Spirit that allow us to serve the Lord more effectively. According to this passage it is possible to ignore these gifts and based on other passages, we can abuse them. At the time Paul wrote his letter God was giving supernatural sign gifts, such as healing and speaking in tongues. It seems that near the end of Paul's ministry those gifts had been removed (1 Corinthians 13:8) as even Paul was not able to heal his companion Trophimus (2 Timothy 4:20). However, there is a list of gifts for ministry and the building up of the Body of Christ that are still being distributed by the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:6-8). God wants us to discover that gift and not neglect it, just as Paul instructed Timothy.

18. (v. 15) Why was Timothy to devote himself wholly to these things? _____

19. (v. 16) What was Timothy to watch? _____

CHAPTER FIVE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORKING WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE

Read 1 Timothy 5:1-24 _____ Check

1. (vss. 1-2) Describe how Paul instructs Timothy to treat each of the following groups of people.

a. Older men _____

b. Older women _____

c. Younger men _____

d. Younger women _____

2. (v. 3) To whom are we to give proper recognition? _____

3. (v. 4) If a widow has a family, what are they to do for her? _____

4. (v. 5) What should the widow who is in true need and left alone (desolate – KJV) do? _____

5. (v. 6) How is the widow that lives for pleasure described? _____

6. (v. 7) Why did Paul give these instructions to the believers? _____

7. (v. 8) How does Paul describe someone that does not provide for his family? _____

8. (v. 9) What are the requirements for a woman to be put on the list of widows (taken into the number – KJV)?

9. (v. 10) What are some examples of the good deeds that widows should be known for? _____

10. (v. 11) Why were younger widows not to be put on the list? _____

11. (v. 12) What do you think it means to break the first pledge (cast off their first faith – KJV)? _____

12. (v. 13) What behavior do the younger widows become involved in? _____

13. (v. 14) What instructions does Paul give to younger widows? _____

14. (v. 14) Why does Paul give these instructions? _____

15. (v. 15) What have some already done? _____

16. (v. 16) How can a woman with a widow in her family help the church to help the widows in true need? _____

17. (v. 17) Who is worthy of double honor? _____

18. (v. 18) What do the Scriptures say about paying those that devote themselves to the ministry? _____

19. (v. 19) How many witnesses are needed before an accusation against an elder should be entertained? _____

20. (v. 20) Why should the sinner be rebuked publicly? _____

21. (v. 21) How were these instructions to be followed? _____

22. (v. 22) What instruction does Paul give about the laying on of hands? _____

Note: Paul is speaking of the ordination of an elder, which should not be performed until the candidate has had time to prove himself. (NIV Study Bible, Grand Rapids, Zondervan © 1995, p. 1842). Laying hands on a man that was entering the ministry served as a formal recognition of an individual's gifts and calling. It was only to be done after the individual had proven himself qualified and competent for the work.

23. (v. 22) What final command does Paul give to Timothy in this verse? _____

24. (v. 23) Why does Paul instruct Timothy to drink a little wine? _____

25 (v. 24) Explain in your own words the meaning of this verse. _____

26 (v. 25) Can good deeds be hidden? _____

CHAPTER SIX

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SLAVES

Read 1 Timothy 6:1-2 _____ Check

1. (v. 1) How should slaves (servants – KJV) treat their masters? Why? _____

2. (v. 2) Why should a slave with a believing master serve even better? _____

LOVE OF MONEY

Read 1 Timothy 6:3-10 _____ Check

3. (vss. 3-4a) How is a person that teaches false doctrine described? _____

4. (vss. 4-5) What results from such men? _____

5. (v. 5) What is the motivation of these men of corrupt minds? _____

6. (v. 6) What is great gain? _____

7. (v. 7) What did we bring into this world and what do we take out of it? _____

8. (v. 8) With what should we be content? _____

9. (v. 9) What happens to those who want to be rich in this world? _____

10. (v. 10) What is the root of all (kinds of) evil? _____

11. (v. 10) What happens to those that are eager (covet – KJV) for money? _____

PAUL GIVES FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO TIMOTHY

Read 1 Timothy 6:11-21 _____ Check

12. (v. 11) What are we to pursue? _____

13. (v. 12) What are we to fight? _____

14. (v. 12) What are we to take hold of? _____

15. (v. 13) Who gives life to everything (quickeneth – KJV)? _____

16. (vss. 11-14) How long are we to keep the commandments given in these verses? _____

Note: The appearing of the Lord spoken of here is also referred to as the Rapture of the Church. It is that event described in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 in which the Lord will appear in the clouds to call the believers that are dead and alive to be with him in heaven for eternity. This is different than the second coming which is described in the book of Revelation, the Old Testament and the gospel records (cf. Zechariah 14:3-5; Matthew 24:36-51; 25:31-46; Revelation 19:11-21)

17. (v. 15) Who will decide when Christ will appear? _____

18. (vs. 15-16) List the ways in which God is described in these verses?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

- d. _____
- e. _____

19. (v. 17) What are we not to put trust in? _____

20. (v. 17) Why should we put hope in God? _____

21. (v. 18) In what should we be rich in this world? _____

22. (v. 19) What is the result of good deeds? _____

23. (v. 20) From what must we turn away? _____

24. (v. 21) What has happened to some that have given attention to godless chatter (profane and vain babblings – KJV)? _____

25. (v. 21) How does Paul conclude this letter to Timothy?

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