

# *Digging into God's Word*



## *1 & 2 Timothy Titus*



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## Digging Into the Word

I am so glad you are taking time to dig into the Word of God. What an amazing opportunity we have to grow in our understanding of God Himself and learn about the life and sacrifice of Christ. I hope you enjoy taking time to go verse by verse and chapter by chapter. I pray that you will grow in your faith and experience the love of the Savior whose biggest desire is to have a relationship with you.

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*God Bless!*

# 1 Timothy

Paul identifies himself as the sender of the epistle (1:1). He addresses this letter to Timothy, his “true son in the faith” (1:2). Paul wrote 1 Timothy sometime between AD 62-67. During the time the Pastoral Epistles were penned, the Apostle Paul was out of prison, and he wrote this letter to Timothy who was ministering in Ephesus, a thriving commercial and religious center strategically located on the major east-west trade route near the southern coast of Asia Minor. Paul founded the church during a brief stop on his second missionary journey. (Bible Notes)

## Chapter 1:

Vs. 3-4- What was Timothy’s purpose in Ephesus?

Vs. 5- What is the goal of their instruction?

Vs. 6-7- What had become an issue?

Vs. 8-11- Why was the law given?

[What does it mean that Jesus fulfilled the law, but did not abolish it? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/What-does-it-mean-that-Jesus-fulfilled-the-law-but-did-not-abolish-it?)

In reviewing this list, what do you notice about the things listed here?

Vs. 12-13- How does Paul describe his former life?

What did he receive and from whom?

Why does he say he received mercy?

Vs. 15- Why did Jesus come into the world?

What does Paul claim to be?

Vs. 16- Why is Paul's life transformation so important?

Vs. 17- Paul lists more powerful descriptors of God. What does he say?

Timothy is to 'engage in battle', having faith and good conscience. The gospel message cannot be changed and there were people trying to teach different doctrine, deviating from the message and having discussions about 'fruitless' things. This is a 'spiritual battle' and Timothy will be on the front lines trying to redirect those who lose sight of the purpose of Christ.

[What are the essentials of the gospel message? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 20- Paul gives names of 2 examples of men who "shipwrecked their faith".

(Bible Notes- Hymenaeus and Alexander, probably well-known elders, may have once confessed Christ but then turned from their confession, showing that they had never been truly converted in the first place).

[Can a Christian lose salvation? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

## **Chapter 2:**

Vs. 1-2- What is Paul urging believers to do and why?

Vs. 3-4- What does he say God wants?

Vs. 5-6- Key information: Jot this down-

[What does it mean that there is one mediator between God and man \(1 Timothy 2:5\)? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 8-9- Paul addresses men and women and specific behaviors they should pursue. What does he say about men?

What does he say about women?

Vs. 11-Paul says “a woman should learn in silence with full submission”. (Bible notes- The apostle is referring to a heart attitude and demeanor of “quietness” rather than to absolute silence. In the second phrase Paul directs women to learn “with full submission”. Since the context is not addressing family relationships, Paul is not likely urging the women to be submissive to their husbands, although this is taught elsewhere (Eph 5:21-22; Col 3:18). In this context of learning in the worship assembly, the object of their submission is best understood either as the pastor (overseer in 3:2; elders in 5:17) or, more likely, as sound doctrine. In light of the presence of false teachers, a combination of the two is also possible. Women were to submit themselves only to those pastors who taught sound doctrine.)

[Do women have to remain silent in church? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 12-14- How does Paul explain why women should not teach or have authority over men?

Vs. 15- Read links for further clarification:

[What does it mean that women will be "saved" through childbearing \(1 Timothy 2:15\)? | GotQuestions.org](#)

### **Chapter 3:**

Vs. 1-7- What kind of character should a church leader or overseer have?

Why is it important that he be a good a family man?

Vs. 6-7- Why is a leader of God’s church not supposed to be a new convert?

[Why does God allow Satan to attack us? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 8-13- What characteristics are necessary for deacons?

How are the deacon's wives to live?

This high level of expectation is reserved for church leadership, but do you think all believers are held to this standard? Why or why not?

Vs. 15- What is the church?

Vs. 16- "The mystery of godliness is great": Jot this down in reference to Christ-

[What is the mystery of godliness? | GotQuestions.org](#)

#### **Chapter 4:**

Vs. 1-3- What is Paul warning about?

[What are doctrines of demons in 1 Timothy 4:1? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 4-5- Jot these verses down:

Vs. 7-8- What should we train ourselves in and why?

Vs. 10- In whom do we put our hope?

Vs. 12- Like Timothy, how are we to live by example to others?

Vs. 15-16- Paul gives Timothy great advice which we can also apply to our lives. What does he say?

## **Chapter 5:**

Vs. 1-2- How should people treat each other?

Vs. 3-16- Caring for widows: Paul differentiates widows by age and need. Summarize:

What does Paul say about people who don't provide for their own household?

Why should young widows not be put on church support?

Vs. 16- Who should help widows before the burden falls on the church?

Why is this such a big deal?

Vs. 19-22- Leadership and pastoring in churches is a big responsibility. What are some guidelines for safeguarding these positions?

(Bible Notes- Paul's statements on bringing disciplinary action against an elder or pastor are particularly relevant in light of the presence of the false teachers in the Ephesian church, some of whom were likely pastors (Acts 20:30). The apostle sought to safeguard those in authority against false accusations. The support by two or three witnesses was the normally accepted standard for bringing accusation against someone in the church (2 Co 13:1), a custom with roots in the Mosaic law (Dt. 17:6; 19:15) and affirmed by Jesus (Mt. 18:16; Jn 8:17; Heb 10:28). Paul's emphasis is to protect those pastors who were innocent).



Vs. 23- Wine and water: (Bible notes- The risk of drinking water contaminated with parasites also could be reduced by mixing water with wine. The result would be a very diluted wine that had little potential for making anyone drunk. In fact, Paul makes clear earlier in the book that leaders in the church should not be “addicted to wine” (3:3).

Vs. 24-25- Lifestyle choices matter, especially in the church leadership and its members. What does Paul note here?

Why does our lifestyle matter?

## **Chapter 6:**

Vs. 1-2- Slaves and Masters: (Bible Notes- Well over half of the people in the Greco-Roman world were slaves, so Paul’s words would have had wide relevance in the Ephesian church. The message of the gospel is that all are liberated from the bondage of sin and are made brothers and sisters in Christ. Nevertheless, the social institution of slavery was a fact of life in the first century, and the apostle wanted to encourage the Christian slaves to relate appropriately to their masters.)

[Does the Bible condone slavery? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

The second part of verse one explains why our actions matter, no matter our circumstances. What does he say?

Vs. 3-6- Paul warns of false teachers. How can false doctrine be recognized?

What actions and issues come from these false teachers who contradict the teachings of Jesus?

[How can I recognize a false teacher / false prophet? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 5- Paul says these false teachers “imagine that godliness is a way to material gain”. Is it still common in our culture to hear pastors teaching about material gain from Christianity?

Vs. 6-7- What does Paul say leads to great gain and why?

Vs. 8- What should we be content with?

Vs. 9-10- Why can seeking and pursuing wealth be a trap?

“For the \_\_\_\_\_ of money is a \_\_\_\_\_ of all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_.”

[Why is the love of money the root of all kinds of evil? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

In this life, who should we love and what should we crave?

Vs. 11- What should Christians pursue?

Vs. 12- What is Paul's encouragement here?

Vs. 13-15- Paul encourages Timothy, and all believers, to keep these commands without fault or failure until when?

Who will bring this about and when?

Vs. 15-16- Paul's love and reverence for God is poured out in these verses. Jot these down:

Vs. 17-19- For those who are wealthy, what are God's instructions for them in using their wealth wisely?

[What does the Bible say about wealth? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 20-21a- (Bible Notes- When Paul instructs Timothy to “guard what has been entrusted to” him, he is referring to the gospel in all its fullness, including both its doctrinal structure and its practical outworking in a lifestyle of godliness).

Likewise, believers should guard their faith and fight the good fight following Christ’s example and leaning on Him for guidance and direction daily.

[Book of 1 Timothy Summary | Watch an Overview Video \(bibleproject.com\)](#)

## 2 Timothy

The salutation of 2 Timothy clearly identifies Paul as the writer of the letter. Paul addressed this letter to Timothy, whom he had known for approximately 20 years (AD 46-66), when he wrote this letter to his “dearly loved son” in the faith (1:2). Paul wrote 2 Timothy sometime between AD 66-67 from a Roman prison where he awaited a second judicial hearing (4:16-18). Timothy received the letter in Ephesus where he served a church which had been founded by Paul but infiltrated by false teachers. - Bible Notes.

### Chapter 1:

Vs. 3 Paul thanks God, whom he \_\_\_\_\_ with a clear \_\_\_\_\_ as his \_\_\_\_\_ did.

(Bible Notes: Trained as a Pharisee, Paul was also ethnically Jewish and had been reared in rich tradition of Jewish beliefs and under the influence of Old Testament Scriptures (Php 3:5-6). The reference to his forefathers emphasizes the interconnectedness of the Old Testament and the gospel message (3:14-17).

Vs. 7- Jot this reassuring verse down:

Vs. 8- Paul encourages Timothy, and all believers, saying “don’t be \_\_\_\_\_ of the testimony about our \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, share in \_\_\_\_\_ for the gospel, relying on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

Vs. 9- What has God done for us and why?

In whom was this gift given to us and when?

This gift is not given according to our own \_\_\_\_\_.

Vs. 10- How has this salvation and purpose been made evident?

Vs. 12- What can we learn from Paul about walking with God in faith?

Vs. 13-14- What message does Paul emphasize?

[What is the gospel? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Who is with us and helping us?

## **Chapter 2:**

Vs. 1-2- What does Paul want Timothy to do?

Is this something all believers should do? If so, why?

Vs. 3-6- Paul tells Timothy to share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. What analogies does Paul use?

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Vs. 7- What does Paul assure him (us) of?

Vs. 8- What important attributes about Jesus does Paul emphasize?

Vs. 9- Paul suffered and was bound in prison, treated like a criminal. What does he make very clear here?

Despite our circumstances, God is at work in our lives, and we are called according to His purposes. Are you allowing God to use your life to reach others with the good news of Jesus?

Vs. 10- Why was this so important to Paul and continues to be so important even today?

Salvation is in \_\_\_\_\_.

Vs. 11-13- Christ's enduring faithfulness to believers:

"For if we have \_\_\_\_\_ with Him, we will also \_\_\_\_\_ with Him; if we \_\_\_\_\_, we will also \_\_\_\_\_ with Him; if we \_\_\_\_\_ Him, He will also \_\_\_\_\_ us; if we are \_\_\_\_\_, He remains \_\_\_\_\_, for He cannot deny Himself."

What resonates with you in these verses?

Vs. 14- What should believers avoid and why?

Vs. 15- Paul encourages Timothy as a teacher of the gospel, and this can also apply to the life of any believer. Jot down this verse to remember:

(Bible Notes: Timothy should aspire to stand before God as one who had lived and proclaimed the gospel message as unadulterated, undistorted truth. Unlike the false teachers, Timothy should be a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed before God because of faulty craftsmanship. Instead, he is to be one who is correctly teaching the word of truth).

Vs. 16-18- False teachers create havoc. What was (and is) happening?

Have you had experiences where people argue and debate irrelevant issues, but end up pushing people away from faith because of their attitudes? If so, what are some issues and how could they have been handled differently?

Vs. 19- What assurance do Christ followers have?

Vs. 20-21- How can God use the lives of those who turn away from dishonorable things to Him?

(Bible Notes- Paul uses this analogy to illustrate the need for a believer to purify himself from contamination of false teaching and “unrighteousness” in order to be a special instrument, figuratively one of the gold or silver ones.)

Vs. 22- What should believers pursue?

Vs. 23- What does Paul emphasize again?

Vs. 24-26- How should believers engage others and why?

Who is the one that leads people to the knowledge of truth and to repentance?

Our actions have a purpose. We are not on our own, but Christ lives in us when we accept Him as Savior. Why does how we live matter?

[How can I evangelize my friends and family without pushing them away? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/How-can-I-evangelize-my-friends-and-family-without-pushing-them-away?)

### **Chapter 3:**

Vs. 1-5- What will people be like in the last days?

[What does it mean to have a form of godliness but deny its power in 2 Timothy 3:5? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Doesn't sound like a great group of people! Does any of this describe our current situation in our country?

Vs. 6-9- How can these people threaten others?

[What does the Bible say about idleness/being idle? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Explain how this warning of avoiding these different people is different from Jesus' great commission to go to all nations preaching the gospel.

Vs. 8-9- (Bible Notes- Jannes and Jambro were Pharaoh's chief magicians who resisted Moses (Ex. 7:11-12, 22; 8:7). The apostle compares their deceptive practices with those of the false teachers. Just as the Egyptian magicians were shown to be charlatans, so the false teachers will be exposed both in their false teaching and in their lack of understanding of the gospel.)

Vs. 10-12- What does Paul recount and what does he say will happen to those who live a godly life in Christ Jesus?

What confidence can believers have when faced with these challenges?

Vs. 15- We need to know and learn the Scriptures. What can they give us?

Vs. 16-17- These are very important verses! Jot these down:

Be thankful we are lucky enough to have copies of the Bible readily available to read! It is an amazing gift God made for us to know Him.

#### **Chapter 4:**

Vs. 1-2- Paul's charge to Timothy (and all believers). What does he say?

[What are the essentials of the gospel message? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Summarize the gospel message:

Vs. 3-4- What does Paul say people will do?

[What does 2 Timothy 4:3 mean by itching ears? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Is this common in our culture today? Why or why not?

Vs. 5- Paul's words are sincere and powerful, as this will be his final letter before he is put to death. What does he encourage Timothy, and all believers, to do?

Vs. 6-8- Paul refers to being poured out as a drink offering, a reference to the Old Testament sacrificial system. He knew his days were coming to an end. May his words in verse 7 be our own one day. Jot these down:

Vs. 8- What can all believers look forward to?



Vs. 9-14- Paul explains who he still worked with and where they have gone. Who does he warn Timothy about?

(Bible Notes- Scholars have suggested that this man was one who had facilitated Paul's arrest, especially since the word *did* in secular texts can have the meaning of '*inform against*'. Whatever the case, Paul had placed him in the Lord's hands for judgement.)

Vs. 16-18- Paul's experience during his first trial: Who stood with him?

What does Paul say the Lord will do?

Do you have this outlook and faith about dying?

[What does it mean that Jesus is the answer? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[Book of 2 Timothy Summary | Watch an Overview Video \(bibleproject.com\)](#)

## Titus

Paul identifies himself as the sender of this epistle. He addressed this letter to his Greek convert Titus, who is ministering in Crete. This was written sometime between AD 62-64. During the time the Pastoral Epistles were penned, the Apostle Paul seemed to be on the move-at least out of prison (1 Tm 1:3, 3:14; Ti 1:5). Paul's reference to an earlier visit to Crete suggests that he established a church, leaving Titus to organize the congregation and disciple the new believers. – Bible Notes.

### Chapter 1:

Vs. 1-3- Paul introduces himself as a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

What two purposes does he pursue?

What does he say God promised before time began?

Vs. 5-9- What was an elder?

What kind of character should he have?

Why was this kind of character so important?

Why is it so important to “hold the faithful message”, both for elders and for us as believers?

Vs. 10- Paul describes people that sound very much like many people in society today. How does he describe them?

He specifically labels which group?

(Bible Notes- The phrase *especially those from Judaism* is a reference to some of the legalistic Jews, who believed themselves to be the only real interpreters of Scripture).

What were these leaders doing to people?

Is this deception still common today? If so, how?

Vs. 12 – (Bible Notes- The quote is from the Cretan poet Epimenides, who inhabited the island in the sixth century BC. Interestingly, Paul was well acquainted with ancient nonbiblical literature. Perhaps here he was using that knowledge to gain a hearing from non-believers in Crete. Or he may simply have been using the words of a pagan poet to awaken the people to their profligate lives and thus the need for the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. Historically the residents of Crete had been known for their immorality).

Vs. 13- (Bible Notes- Paul describes the false teaching as “Jewish Myths” but does not elaborate on these. However, Jewish rabbis were known for the elevation of their own traditions to a position of importance alongside the law of God. Their legalistic interpretations often added to or even contradicted the divine law recorded in Scripture. They assumed that they could make themselves acceptable to God by their own traditions and rituals, such as their extensive and complicated dietary regulations. The false teachers were observant of religious traditions yet denied God by their works).

How can we as believers equip ourselves when confronted with false teaching?

How can we identify false teaching?

[How can I recognize a false teacher / false prophet? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 16- These false teachers professed to know God but *denied* Him by their works. This is another example of how we *live* our lives matters more than what we *say*. [What does it mean that good works are the result of salvation? | GotQuestions.org](#)

## Chapter 2:

Vs. 1- What does Paul tell Titus here?

How are believers to know sound teaching? [Why is sound doctrine so important? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 2-5- What specific character traits should Christian men and women demonstrate?

Older men-

[What does the Bible say about being a godly man? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Older women-

Young women-

[What does it mean to be a woman of God? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Young men-

In today's culture, the attributes in verse 5 can seem off-putting. What benefits are there for a family if a wife and mother were to carry out these actions?

How could families be different in our country if everyone followed these actions toward each other in a family?

Vs. 7- What is the ultimate reason for our actions to conform to these verses?

Vs. 8- When we share the message of the gospel, how does Paul say it should be communicated and why?

Vs. 9- Slaves and Masters: (Bible Notes- Slaves were an essential part of the Roman society, especially its economy. Paul does not express approval of slavery in his comments on how Christian slaves were to relate to their masters. Rather the apostle addresses the matter of correct behavior for those who found themselves in slavery, concentrating his energies on helping slaves- and masters- to live and act in Christ-like ways. The important issue was how slaves and masters were to treat one another).

[Does the Bible condone slavery? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 10- In the last half of verse 10, what is the goal for our behaviors in all settings?

Give examples of "*in everything*":

Vs. 11- What does God's grace provide?

Vs. 12- How are we instructed to live and why?

Vs. 13- How is Jesus Christ described in this verse?

[Is Jesus God? Why should I believe that Jesus is God? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 14- Why did Christ give Himself up on the cross?

It is through Him only that we are redeemed. We are not saved *by* good works but *for* good works through Him, allowing Him to live through us to reach the world.

### **Chapter 3:**

Vs. 1-2- Paul lists characteristics believers should have. List them here:

Vs. 3- Before learning of Christ and believing in Him, what does Paul point out?

Vs. 4-5- Paul is referring to Jesus appearing for mankind. How does he describe Him?

Vs. 5- How did He save us?

Vs. 6- [Who is the Holy Spirit? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 7- How are believers justified and what hope awaits them?

Vs. 8- What do those who believe God need to do?

Vs. 9- What does Paul say to avoid and why?

Vs. 14- What is another important reason for good works?

(Bible Notes- Paul in his final instructions makes clear that the pastor or even a team of pastors cannot meet all the urgent needs of a congregation-whatever the size. He thus challenges the people, all believers, to arise and do good works. His final words are a poignant reminder to the congregation that all must be done in love and harmony, which would then draw grace or the unmerited favor of God Himself to all in the faith.)

What are examples of urgent needs and how are believers to help?

Believers do God's work- *not to earn* salvation, *but because of* their salvation.

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