

Introduction to First Timothy

Course Description

This course provides a home-based Bible Study Course with Commentary. Students will learn what the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy who was in Ephesus, giving many instructions on how Christians with different functions in the one body of Christ, the church, should behave themselves in accordance with the will of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This course corrects erroneous teachings and concepts, and covers many topics such as:

- Reverence
- Belief
- Hope
- Love
- Slaves and Masters
- Men and Women
- Overseers and Ministers
- Elders
- Widows

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Have an accurate understanding of the Book of First Timothy
2. Teach others about God and His Word
3. Teach Christians how we should behave ourselves
4. Be knowledgeable about the present time and about the future for mankind

Course Reading Material

This course follows the True Bible Study reading material (<http://www.TrueBibleStudy.com/Products.htm>):

- First Timothy – Word Translation and Study Guide

Course Outline

Introduction to the Book of First Timothy

The following is a short summary of the 6 chapters included in this course:

· **Verses 1-20** **Chapter 1**

Paul writes that he is an apostle of Christ Jesus according to a command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus our hope.

He encouraged Timothy to remain in Ephesus while he journeyed into Macedonia. Timothy was to charge some-people not to teach differently, neither to have attention to fables and interminable genealogies which present seekings rather than God's stewardship in belief.

Paul gives thanks to the one who enabled him – Christ Jesus our Lord, who showed mercy to Paul; and the grace of our Lord became-superly more-and-more with belief and love which is in Christ Jesus. The word is believable and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

But to the King of the ages, incorruptible, unseen, only God, is honor and glory into the ages of the ages, with-certainty.

Paul also refers to two men, Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom he gave over to satan in order that they may be trained not to blaspheme.

· **Verses 1-15** **Chapter 2**

Paul encourages first of all to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, thankfulnesses on behalf of all men, on behalf of kings and all the people being in superiority...

- in order that we may lead
 - a tranquil
 - and quiet
 - life
 - in all reverence
 - and reverential-behavior.

God intends all men to be saved and to come into full-knowledge of truth, for there is one God and one mediator of God and men – man Christ Jesus.

Paul also writes about the behavior of men and women giving the example of Adam and Eve.

· **Verses 1-16** **Chapter 3**

If someone reaches for overseership he intensely yearns a beautiful work. Paul includes the requirements of behavior for overseers and ministers. He warns against being conceited so that someone would not fall into judgment of the devil, and also to have a beautiful witness from the people from outside in order that someone would not fall into reproach and trap of the devil.

Paul told Timothy that he was writing these things to him in order that he would know how it is necessary to behave in the house of God which is the church of the living God, the pillar and seating of the truth - and the mystery of the reverence is great.

· **Verses 1-16** **Chapter 4**

The spirit says that in times afterwards some people will depart from the belief having attention to wandering spirits and teachings of devils.

Paul tells Timothy that when he is giving the information that Paul is writing to him to other holy-people, he will be a beautiful minister of Christ Jesus. Timothy was to exercise himself towards reverence, for the bodily exercise is profitable towards a little-thing but the reverence is profitable towards all-things, having promise of the life now and the life being about to come.

Even though Timothy was a young man, people were not to despise his youth - but he was to become a type of the believers in word, in behavior, in love, in belief, in purity.

· **Verses 1-25** **Chapter 5**

Timothy was not to be quick against an elder who was behaving badly, but instead he must encourage him as a father, younger-men as brothers, elder-women as mothers, younger-women as sisters, in all purity. Also Timothy was to honor the really-being widows.

Paul details exactly what he is referring to regarding widows and includes further information about elders in service to God who should be esteemed worthy of double honor, especially the elders laboring in word and teaching.

· **Verses 1-21** **Chapter 6**

Paul next writes about slaves (employees) who are in service to their own masters (employers) - both the unbelievers and the believers. He again tells Timothy that he must teach and encourage these things. Paul also refers to those who teach differently and are conceited.

The reverence with self-sufficiency is great achievement. But the people who are deliberately determining to be wealthy fall into temptation and a trap and many

unmindful and harmful intense yearnings which sink men deep into ruining destruction and losing destruction. The love for silver (money) is a root of all the bad-things which are against God.

Timothy was to pursue righteousness, reverence, belief, love, patient-endurance, meekness. He was to contest the beautiful contest of the belief.

Paul reminds Timothy about God Who is:

- the Happy and Only Able God,
- the King of the ones reigning-as-kings,
- and Lord of the ones lording,
- the Only God having immortality,
- unapproachable light dwelling,
- Whom not-one of men saw neither is able to see,
- to Whom is honor and eternal strongness,
 - with-certainty.

Paul closes out with:

May the grace be with you.