

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A PILGRIM'S WALK THROUGH

THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 TIMOTHY



Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 1-4 & 4:12-16

Introduction

- 1 Timothy has 6 chapters and 113 verses.
- Ten of Paul's letters were to churches but 4 were to individuals.

1 Who Was Timothy?

- See [Acts 16] and [2 Timothy 1:5/3:15]
- He lived at Lystra with his mother, Eunice and grandmother Lois.
- He was '*well spoken of by the brethren*'.
- Eunice raised a Christian, an apostle and a champion for the church.
- Paul recruits Timothy as an assistant but a great friendship grew.
- It was like a father/son relationship.
- Paul writes his last letter to Timothy.

2 The Occasion Of The Letter

- Paul sent Timothy to '*pastor*' the church at Ephesus.
- He had prophesied in [Acts 20:29-31] that false teachers would arise in that church.
- Timothy is despatched to counter the false teaching/teachers.
- This letter was to encourage Timothy in his task.

3 Outline Of 1 Timothy

(a) Paul's Instructions To A Young Church. (Chapters 1-3)

- Ch. 1 Purity in doctrine/teaching.
- Ch. 2 Purity in the church's worship.
- Ch. 3 Purity in the church's leadership.

(b) Paul's Instruction To A Young Minister. (Chapters 4-6).

- Ch. 4 The leader's relationship to doctrine/teaching
- Ch. 5 The leader's relationship to the church people
- Ch. 6 The leaders relationship to false teachers and money.

4 The Importance Of Doctrine

- The word '*doctrine(s)*' used 9 times in 1 Timothy.
- If doctrine is not important then Paul wasted his time for the bulk of his letters is '*doctrine.*'
- Doctrine enables us to talk about Jesus.
- If we don't know true doctrine how will we identify false doctrine when it comes along?

5 Godly Leadership

- God's policy has always been leadership in the church. [1 Corinthians 12:28]
- '*Governments/administrations*' come from the Greek word '*kubernesis.*'
- The word for a ship's pilot guiding a ship through a narrow channel.
- Chapter 3 is the qualities of a leader in the church.
- Leadership in the church is '*servant leadership.*' [Matthew 20:25-28].

6 The Danger Of Riches

- (See 6:6-16 & 17-19).
- Money must be kept as a servant. Never allowed to become a god.
- Many have been seduced away from the '*King's Highway*' by riches.
- Money is a gift from God to be accounted for like all God's gifts to us.
- Adopt and live by the '*10-80-10*' principle.

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