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# 1 Timothy

## Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by {the} command of God our Savior and of {the} Lord Jesus Christ our hope, <sup>2</sup>to Timothy, a true son in {the} faith: Grace, mercy, peace from God {the} Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>As I urged you {when I was} going into Macedonia, remain in Ephesus so that you can command certain ones not to teach differently, <sup>4</sup>and not to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which promote arguments rather than {the} stewardship of God, {which is} by faith. <sup>5</sup>Now the goal of {this} command is love from a pure heart, and a good conscience, and a sincere faith, <sup>6</sup>from which some, having missed the mark, have turned away to foolish talk, <sup>7</sup>wanting to be teachers of the law, not understanding either what they are saying or about which they make confident affirmations. <sup>8</sup>But we know that the law (is) good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>knowing this, that law is not made for {the} righteous, but for {the} lawless and {the} rebellious, {the} ungodly and {the} sinful, {the} godless and {the} profane, father-killers and mother-killers, man-slayers, <sup>10</sup>{the} immoral, male-liars, man-stealers, liars, perjurers, and if anything else is contrary to the healthy teaching, <sup>11</sup>according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, {with} which I have been entrusted.

<sup>12</sup>I have gratitude to the one having strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy, placing me into service, <sup>13</sup>formerly being a blasphemer and a persecutor and an aggressor, but I was shown mercy because not knowing, I acted in unfaithfulness. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the grace of our Lord overflowed with faith and love {that are} in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>{This} word {is} trustworthy and worthy of all acceptance, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—of whom I am first. <sup>16</sup>But because of this I was shown mercy, so that in me, {the} first, Jesus Christ might demonstrate all patience as an example for the ones about to trust in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, {the} only God, {be} honor and glory to eternity forever. Amen.

<sup>18</sup>This command I am placing before you, {my} child, Timothy, in accordance with the earlier prophecies about you, that by them you might fight the good fight, <sup>19</sup>holding faith and a good conscience, which some, having rejected, have shipwrecked regarding the faith, <sup>20</sup>of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have given over to Satan so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

## Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup>I urge, therefore, first of all, for requests, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings to be made for all men, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all the ones being in authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This {is} good and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of {the} truth. <sup>5</sup>For {there is} one God, and one mediator of God and of men—{the} man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>the one having given himself {as} a ransom for all, the testimony in its own times, <sup>7</sup>for which I was made a herald and an apostle—I am speaking {the} truth in Christ, I am not lying—a teacher of {the} Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger and argument, <sup>9</sup>likewise women to adorn themselves in proper attire, with modesty and self-control, not in braids and gold, or pearls, or expensive clothing, <sup>10</sup>but what befits women professing godliness, through good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn in quietness, in all submission. <sup>12</sup>But I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in quietness. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve, <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman, having been deceived, came into transgression. <sup>15</sup>But she will be saved through childbearing, if they remain in faith and love and holiness with self-control.

## Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup>{This} word {is} trustworthy: "If someone aspires to be an overseer, he desires a noble work." <sup>2</sup>Therefore, the overseer must be irreproachable, a husband of one wife, sober, self-controlled, orderly, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not a brawler, but gentle, peaceful, not money-loving, <sup>4</sup>managing {his} own household well, having children in obedience with all honor <sup>5</sup>(for if someone does not know {how} to manage {his} own household, how will he take care of {the} church of God?), <sup>6</sup>not a new convert, so that he may not fall, being puffed up, into {the} judgment of the devil. <sup>7</sup>But he must also have a good reputation with the ones outside, so that he may not fall into disgrace and a trap of the devil. <sup>8</sup>Likewise deacons {must be} dignified, not double-talkers, not indulging in much wine, not greedy, <sup>9</sup>holding the mystery of the faith with a clean conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve, being blameless. <sup>11</sup>Likewise women {must be} dignified, not slanderers, sober, trustworthy in everything. <sup>12</sup>Deacons are to be husbands of one wife, managing {their} own children and households well. <sup>13</sup>For the ones having served well acquire for themselves a good standing and much confidence in {the} faith that {is} in Christ Jesus.

<sup>14</sup>I am writing these {things} to you, hoping to come to you in quickness, <sup>15</sup>but if I delay, so that you may know how one ought to behave in {the} household of God, which is {the} church of {the} living God, a pillar and support of the truth. <sup>16</sup>Indeed, admittedly great is the mystery of godliness:

"Who was revealed in flesh,  
was justified in {the} Spirit,  
was seen by angels,  
was proclaimed among {the} nations,  
was believed in {the} world,  
was taken up in glory."

## Chapter 4

<sup>1</sup>Now the Spirit says specifically that in later times some will leave the faith, attending to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons, <sup>2</sup>through {the} hypocrisy of liars, {their} own consciences having been seared, <sup>3</sup>forbidding to marry, to abstain from foods that God created for receiving with thanksgiving by the faithful and {the ones} knowing the truth. <sup>4</sup>For every creation of God {is} good, and nothing being received with thanksgiving {is} vile, <sup>5</sup>for it is sanctified by {the} word of God and prayer.

<sup>6</sup>Placing these {things} before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being nourished by the words of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. <sup>7</sup>But reject the profane and old-womanish myths. Instead, train yourself for godliness, <sup>8</sup>for "bodily training is valuable for a little, but godliness is valuable for all {things}, having promise for the present life and the coming one." <sup>9</sup>{That} word {is} trustworthy and worthy of all acceptance, <sup>10</sup>for unto this we toil and struggle, because we have hoped in {the} living God, who is {the} Savior of all men, especially of believers. <sup>11</sup>Command and teach these {things}. <sup>12</sup>Let no one despise your youth, but be an example for the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. <sup>13</sup>Until I come, attend to the reading, to the exhortation, to the teaching. <sup>14</sup>Do not neglect the gift in you, which was given to you through prophecy, with {the} imposition of the hands of the elder. <sup>15</sup>Study these {things}, be in them, so that your progress may be apparent to all. <sup>16</sup>Pay attention to yourself and to the teaching. Continue in these {things}, for, doing this, you will save both yourself and your listeners.

## Chapter 5

<sup>1</sup>Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort {him} as a father, younger men as brothers, <sup>2</sup>older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. <sup>3</sup>Honor widows—real widows. <sup>4</sup>But if any widow has children or grandchildren, first let them learn to honor {their} own household and to make repayment to {their} forebears, for this is pleasing before God. <sup>5</sup>But the genuine and left-alone widow hopes in God and continues in requests and prayers night and day. <sup>6</sup>But the one cavorting, living, has died. <sup>7</sup>Also command these {things}, so that they may be irreproachable. <sup>8</sup>But if someone does not provide for his own, and especially for household members, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. <sup>9</sup>Let a widow be enrolled being not less than 60 years old, a wife of one husband, <sup>10</sup>attested in good works: if she has raised children, if she has received strangers, if she has washed {the} feet of {the} saints, if she has relieved {the} afflicted, if she has pursued every good work. <sup>11</sup>But refuse younger widows, because when they become wanton against Christ, they want to marry, <sup>12</sup>having judgment because they have broken {their} first pledge. <sup>13</sup>But at the same time, they also learn to be lazy, wandering about the houses, and not only lazy, but also babblers and busybodies, saying what they should not. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, I want younger ones to marry, bear children, manage a household, give no opportunity for slander to the one opposing. <sup>15</sup>For already some have turned aside after Satan. <sup>16</sup>If any believing woman has widows, let her help them, and let the church not be weighed down, so that it may help the genuine widows.

<sup>17</sup>The elders having ruled well, let {them} be considered worthy of double honor, especially the ones toiling in {the} word and teaching. <sup>18</sup>For the Scripture says, “You will not muzzle a threshing ox,” and, “The worker {is} worthy of his wages.” <sup>19</sup>Against an elder do not receive an accusation, except if on two or three witnesses. <sup>20</sup>The ones sinning, rebuke before all, so that the rest also may have fear. <sup>21</sup>I adjure you, before God and Christ Jesus and the chosen angels, that you keep these {things} without partiality, doing nothing according to favoritism. <sup>22</sup>Place hands hastily on no one, nor share in {the} sins of others. Keep yourself pure. <sup>23</sup>No longer drink only water, but use a little wine because of your stomach and frequent illnesses. <sup>24</sup>The sins of some men are evident, going ahead into judgment, but also they follow after some. <sup>25</sup>Likewise, the good works {are} also evident, and the ones having otherwise are not able to be hidden.

## Chapter 6

<sup>1</sup>As many slaves as are under a yoke, let them regard {their} own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. <sup>2</sup>But the ones having believing masters, let them not despise {them} because they are brothers, but let them serve {them} more, because they are believers and beloved, the ones partaking of the service. Teach and encourage these {things}.

<sup>3</sup>If anyone is teaching differently and does not accede to {the} healthy words, the ones of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the teaching according to godliness, <sup>4</sup>he is puffed up, understanding nothing, but being sick about controversies and word-battles, from which come envy, strife, blasphemies, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup>friction, between men having been corrupted {as to} the mind and having been deprived of the truth, considering godliness to be a means of gain.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, so that neither are we able to take anything out. <sup>8</sup>But having food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied. <sup>9</sup>Now the ones wanting to be rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, whatever plunges men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For a root of all the evils is the love of money, which, some desiring, have been led away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many sorrows.

<sup>11</sup>But you, O man of God, flee these {things}, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith, grasp eternal life, to which you were called and confessed the good confession before many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I command you before God, the one enlivening all, and Christ Jesus, the one having testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, <sup>14</sup>{that} you keep the commandment spotless, irreproachable, until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>whom in its own times the blessed and only

Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, will reveal, <sup>16</sup>the One having immortality alone, occupying unapproachable light, whom none of men has seen, nor is able to see, to whom {be} honor and eternal power. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>Command the rich in the present age not to be proud, nor to hope in {the} uncertainty of riches, but in God, the one providing us all {things} richly unto enjoyment, <sup>18</sup>to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, willing to share, <sup>19</sup>storing up for themselves a good foundation for what is coming, so that they may grasp genuine life.

<sup>20</sup>O Timothy, guard the deposit, avoiding the profane chatter and contradictions of miscalled knowledge, <sup>21</sup>which some, professing, have missed the mark regarding the faith. Grace {be} with you.

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6:5 <sup>[1]</sup> but the most ancient copies do not.

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