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1 Timothy

Chapter 1

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

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

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

¹⁸This 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, ¹⁹holding faith and a good conscience, which some, having rejected, have shipwrecked regarding the faith, ²⁰of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have given over to Satan so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

Chapter 2

¹I urge, therefore, first of all, for requests, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings to be made for all men, ²for kings and all the ones being in authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³This {is} good and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of {the} truth. ⁵For {there is} one God, and one mediator of God and of men—{the} man Christ Jesus, ⁶the one having given himself {as} a ransom for all, the testimony in its own times, ⁷for 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.

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

Chapter 3

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

¹⁴I am writing these {things} to you, hoping to come to you in quickness, ¹⁵but 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. ¹⁶Indeed, 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

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

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

Chapter 5

¹Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort {him} as a father, younger men as brothers, ²older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. ³Honor widows—real widows. ⁴But 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. ⁵But the genuine and left-alone widow hopes in God and continues in requests and prayers night and day. ⁶But the one cavorting, living, has died. ⁷Also command these {things}, so that they may be irreproachable. ⁸But if someone does not provide for his own, and especially for household members, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ⁹Let a widow be enrolled being not less than 60 years old, a wife of one husband, ¹⁰attested 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. ¹¹But refuse younger widows, because when they become wanton against Christ, they want to marry, ¹²having judgment because they have broken {their} first pledge. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴Therefore, I want younger ones to marry, bear children, manage a household, give no opportunity for slander to the one opposing. ¹⁵For already some have turned aside after Satan. ¹⁶If 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.

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

Chapter 6

¹As 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. ²But 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}.

³If 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, ⁴he is puffed up, understanding nothing, but being sick about controversies and word-battles, from which come envy, strife, blasphemies, evil suspicions, ⁵friction, between men having been corrupted {as to} the mind and having been deprived of the truth, considering godliness to be a means of gain.^[1] ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, so that neither are we able to take anything out. ⁸But having food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied. ⁹Now 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. ¹⁰For 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.

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

Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, will reveal, ¹⁶the 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.

¹⁷Command 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, ¹⁸to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, willing to share, ¹⁹storing up for themselves a good foundation for what is coming, so that they may grasp genuine life.

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

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