NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

THE LETTERS OF PAUL

1 TIMOTHY, 2 TIMOTHY, TITUS

LESSON 23

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1 AND 2 TIMOTHY

I. INTRODUCTION TO 1 AND 2 TIMOTHY

1 and 2 Timothy are called pastoral letters. They are called pastoral letters because they were written to a pastor. A pastor is a minister of a church.

Paul wrote 1 and 2 Timothy. (1 Timothy 1:1; 2 Timothy 1:1.)

Paul had been in prison in Rome. It is believed that he was set free from prison. Little has been written about Paul's life during that time. He did go to Greece and Macedonia. 1 Timothy may have been written when Paul was in Macedonia. No one knows exactly when he wrote it.

Nero was a wicked emperor of the Roman empire. He killed many Christians. He had Paul arrested and returned to Rome. Paul believed he too would soon be killed. He wrote 2 Timothy while he was in prison.

2 Timothy was written sometime between 65 and 67 A.D.

Timothy.

1 and 2 Timothy were letters written to Timothy, 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2.

Timothy was born in Lystra. His mother was a Jewess. His father was a Greek, Acts 16:1,2. The mother of Timothy, Eunice, was a strong Christian. She taught her children the things of God, 2 Timothy 1:5.



Timothy was young and timid(shy). Paul led Timothy to the Lord while on his first missionary journey. This is why Paul called Timothy his son.

When Paul came to Lystra the second time, he asked Timothy to go with Him, Acts 16:1-3. Timothy stayed with Paul from that time on. Timothy was a faithful helper of Paul.

Later Paul laid hands on Timothy. Timothy was set apart for the work of a pastor. Timothy became a pastor.

Paul and Timothy traveled together to many places. A few times Paul sent Timothy to help some churches. Timothy was sent to help the Christians at Corinth, 1 Corinthians 4:17. Timothy also was sent to help the Christians at Thessalonica, 1 Thessonians 3:2. Later Timothy was the overseer of the church at Ephesus, 1 Timothy 1:3.

Paul wrote to Timothy when Timothy was at Ephesus.

Paul wrote thirteen, or maybe fourteen letters. Timothy helped him write six of them. These letters are: 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians and Philemon.

Why the letters to Timothy were written.

Timothy was the overseer of the church at Ephesus. He had to choose a pastor and deacons to take care of the church. Paul showed him what to watch for and how to take care of some of the problems. Then Paul gave Timothy words of courage.

Main thought in 1 Timothy.

The main thought of 1 Timothy is: "the behaviour of the church leader." The key verses are 1 Timothy 3:14,15.



Main thought in 2 Timothy.

The main thought of 2 Timothy is "the life of the church leader." The key verse is 2 Timothy 2:3.

II. OUTLINE OF 1 TIMOTHY

- A. Greetings of Paul, 1 Timothy 1:1-2.
- B. False teachers, 1 Timothy 1:3-11.
- C. Love and mercy of Jesus Christ, 1 Timothy 1:12-17.
 - 1. Wise words to a church leader, 1 Timothy 1:18-20.
 - 2. Importance of prayer, 1 Timothy 2:1-8.
 - 3. Women in the church, 1 Timothy 2:9-15.
 - 4. The work and life of a pastor, 1 Timothy 3:1-7.
 - 5. The work and life of a deacon, 1 Timothy 3:8-13.
 - 6. Pastors and Christians should study the Word of God, 1 Timothy 4:1-10.

- 7. How a pastor should speak to church members, 1 Timothy 4:11 5:2.
- 8. Widows in the church, 1 Timothy 5:3-16.
- 9. Pay for pastors, 1 Timothy 5:17-18.
- 10. Discipline for pastors, 1 Timothy 5:19-22.
- 11. Words to Timothy, 1 Timothy 5:23-25.
- 12. Christians in the church, 1 Timothy 6:1-21.

III. LESSONS IN 1 TIMOTHY

A. False teachers.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 1:3-11.

False teachers were preaching in Ephesus. The false teachers spent too much time teaching about the old-timers and their legends, and not to stop enough time teaching about Christ. Paul said this was foolish. It did not make their faith strong.



Some teachers wanted to teach the Jewish laws

to the Christians. These teachers did not know that the law was for the sinners. The law is used to show a sinner his sin, Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:24.

Timothy, as a church leader, was to stop this false teaching.

B. Love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17.

Paul gives thanks for the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Even though Paul fought against Jesus, Jesus forgave him. Paul called himself the worst sinner. Because Jesus saved Paul, He can save others. Because of this, thanks should be given to the King Who lives forever.

C. How to set up a church.

Paul told Timothy how he, as a church leader, should act among the people. A church leader should do all Jesus says to do until He comes again, 1 Timothy 6:14.

1. Wise words to a church leader.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 1:18-20.

Paul gave some wise words to Timothy. These wise words are for all church leaders. These words are:

- 1) fight well for Jesus Christ.
- 2) keep a strong hold on the faith.
- 3) listen to your conscience.

Some did not listen to their conscience. Because they did not listen, they did wrong. Their faith in Jesus was wrecked. They could not fight well.

2. Importance of prayer.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8.

It is very important for achurch leader to pray.

- He is to pray for all people. God wants all people to be saved. He wants all people to know the truth. God wants all people to be set free from the power of sin
- 2) He is to pray for the government, so that the Christians can live a quiet, God-like life in peace.

There is only One person through whom anyone can come to God in prayer. This person is Jesus Christ. He made this possible when He died on the cross, John 16:24. A person should have holy hands when he prays. This PASTOR - to PRAY

means that he should not have any sin upon his hands. Also a person should not be angry or argue.

3. Women in the church.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 2:9-15.

Women have a work to do in the church. Their work is to live a good life and do

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good works. They are to listen to the men who teach them. Man was made before the woman. Adam was not fooled by Satan but Eve was fooled.

The women are not to dress to be seen for their way of dress. They are to be known because of the good life they live and the good works they do.

4. The work and life of a pastor.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7; 6:11-12.

In the early church a pastor or a minister was called a bishop. He took care of one church. Today a bishop looks after several churches in one area. He helps the pastors do their work in the right way.

The life of a pastor should be pleasing to God. Paul says,

"A church leader must be a good man. His life must be so no one can say



anything against him. He must have only one wife and must be respected for his good living. He must be willing to take people into his home. He must be willing to learn and able to teach the Word of God. He must not get drunk or want to fight. Instead he must be gentle. He must not have a love for money. He should be a good leader in his own home. His children must obey and respect him. If a man cannot be a good leader in his own home, how can he lead the church? A church leader must not be a new Christian. A new Christian might become proud and fall into sin which is brought on by the devil. A church leader must be respected by people who are not Christians so nothing can be said against him. In that way, he will not be trapped by the devil." 1 Timothy 3:2-7 (N.L.T.)

"But you, man of God, turn away from all these sinful things. Work at being right with God. Live a God-like life. Have faith and love. Be willing to wait. Have a kind heart. Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the life that lasts forever." 1 Timothy 6:11,12a. (N.L.T.)

5. The work and life of a deacon.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13.

The work of the deacon has not changed over the years. A deacon helps the pastor.



Some churches have deaconesses. A deaconess is a woman helper in the church.

The life of a deacon or deaconess is to be the same as that of the pastor.



They should have the respect of the Christians. They should also have the respect of those who are not Christians.

The wife of the deacon must be careful how she acts. She must not carry stories from one person to another.

6. Pastors and Christians should study the Word of God.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:1-10.

In the last days many will turn away from believing in Jesus. These people will follow the teachings of demons. They will listen to what they hear about spirits. These teachers will tell lies.

The church leader should feed his soul on the Word of God. He should not listen to foolish stories. When the church leaders and Christians know the Word of God, the false teachers will not deceive them. The



Christians and church leaders will grow to be more like Jesus Christ.

7. How a pastor should speak to church members.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:11 - 5:2.

The young church leader should live so people will respect him. He should show other Christians how to live by the way he lives. A pastor should give wise words to the people. When he speaks to an older man, he should not use sharp words. He is to speak to the young men as he would speak to his brothers. He is to speak to the older women as he would speak to his mother. He should talk to the young women as he would talk to his sisters.

8. Widows in the church.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 5:3-16.

God told the Jews many times to take care of the widows, Exodus 22:22; Deuteronomy 14:29; 16:11. When Jesus and Paul lived, the Roman government did not look after the widows. When the church started, the church was to take care of the widows in the church. If the widow had children, the children were to take care of their mother. Paul says it would be good for the younger widows to marry again. Some widows had no one to help them. Some older widows helped with the church work. The church was to take care of these older widows.

9. Pay for pastors.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 5:17-18.

The church should pay their pastors. Those who work hard at preaching and teaching should be paid well.

10. Discipline of pastors.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 5:19-22.

A Christian should not listen to anything one person says about the church leaders. If two or three other people say the same thing, then he should listen. When a pastor lives in sin, it should be made known to the whole church.

The church is not to be quick to choose a pastor. They should let God show them who is to be their pastor.

11. Christians in the church.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 6:1-21.

Some rules for Christians are:







- 1) Those who work for others are to do their work well. They are to work so no one can speak against God or the things of God.
- 2) Christians are to live God-like lives.
- 3) Christians are to be happy if they have food and clothing.
- 4) Christians are to put their trust in God, 1 Timothy 6:17.
- 5) Christians are not to have a love for money.
- 6) Christians who have more than they need should give to those who have need, 1 Timothy 6:18.

IV. OUTLINE OF 2 TIMOTHY

- A. Greetings of Paul, 2 Timothy 1:1-2.
- B. Words to a pastor, 2 Timothy 1:3-18.
- C. Life of a pastor, 2 Timothy 2:1-10.
- D. Things which are true, 2 Timothy 2:11-13.
- E. How the church leader and Christians are to behave, 2 Timothy 2:14-26.
- F. Warning of last days, 2 Timothy 3:1-9.
- G. Christians should know the Word of God, 2 Timothy 3:10-17.
- H. A pastor should preach the Word of God, 2 Timothy 4:1-5.
- I. Words of victory, 2 Timothy 4:6-8.
- J. Last words to Timothy, a pastor, 2 Timothy 4:9-22.

V. LESSONS IN 2 TIMOTHY

A. Some things that happened before 2 Timothy was written.

Paul had been in prison in Rome for two years or so. He had lived in his own house. Paul must have been set free for awhile. It is not known to which places he went. Maybe Paul went to Spain as he wanted. Paul did go back to Greece. He said he was in Corinth, 2 Timothy 4:20 and in Toas, 2 Timothy 4:13. But, he did not get to Ephesus as he wanted.

It is not known where Paul was arrested. This time he was arrested by the Roman government and not by the Jews. Alexander, the coppersmith, may have had something to do with it, 2 Timothy 4:14. Nero may have asked for Paul.



Fire in Rome

Nero was the Roman emperor. He was a wicked man. There was a great fire in Rome. Much of Rome burned to the ground. It is believed Nero set the fire. But he blamed the Christians for the fire. Paul was arrested suddenly. He did not expect it. Paul was taken right to Rome and put into a prison. This time Paul did not have the house he used to have. He was in a dungeon. He knew he was going to die.

The Church was going through a great struggle at this time. Judaism was working hard in Asia. There were hard times for the Christians in Macedonia, Greece and Rome. It looked like the Church would be destroyed. But Paul believed God would win; the Church would go on.

Paul encouraged the young church leaders, Timothy and Titus, to keep on fighting the good fight.

Paul also wanted his coat and books to be brought to him before winter came. It is believed he was put to death before Timothy could take them to him.

B. Life of a pastor.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-10.

- 1. A pastor is to be strong in the grace of Jesus Christ.
- 2. A pastor is to teach what he knows to faithful men. These men are to teach others.
- 3. A pastor is to be willing to suffer hard things as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. A good soldier does not let things of this world stop him from doing his work.
- 4. A pastor is to be like one who runs a race. A person who runs a race keeps all the rules of running a race.
- 5. A pastor is to be like a hard-working farmer. The farmer is the first to get some of the crop.

C. Things which are true.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13.

- 1. If we die with Christ, we will also live with Him.
- 2. If we suffer and stay true to Christ, we will be leaders with Him
- 3. If we say we do not know Him, He will say He does not know us.
- 4. If we have no faith in Christ, He will still be faithful. Christ cannot go against what He is.

D. How the church leader and Christians are to behave.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 2:14-16.

Many people had turned away from Christ. There are two important truths for every Christian.

2 Timothy 2:19 says (N.L.T.), "But the truth of God cannot be changed. It says, 'The Lord knows those who are His.' And, 'Everyone who says he is a Christian must turn away from sin!""

The Christian knows he belongs to God. He is to do his best to please God. He is not to be ashamed of God. The Christian is to teach the Word of God in the right way. He is to have a desire for faith, love and peace.

A Christian turns away from sin. He does not argue over words. He does not talk foolishly. Arguing and foolish talk only lead to trouble. A Christian is to have nothing to do with foolish talk. He is to have nothing to do with those who argue.

The Christian is to be gentle when he teaches those who are against the truth. These people are to see that they are held in a trap of the devil. They are to see God can set them free.

E. Warning of last days.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9.

In the last days there will be much trouble in the world. People will be very selfish and proud. They will speak against God. Children will not obey their parents. People will be doing very sinful things. They will make others do sinful things too.

F. Christians should know the Word of God.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17.

Paul suffered for preaching the Word of God. Christians will suffer for preaching the Word of God. They will suffer for what they believe.

Knowing the Word of God is very important. The Word of God shows a person how he can put his trust in God, 2 Timothy 3:16,17 (N.L.T.) says,

"All the Holy Writings are God-given and are made alive by Him. Man is helped when he is taught God's Word. It shows what is wrong. It changes the way of a man's life. It shows him how to be right with God. It gives the man who belongs to God everything he needs to work well for Him."

The Word of God gives a Christian all he needs to do the work of God well.

G. A pastor should preach the Word of God.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5.

Paul says to preach the Word of God when it is easy and when it is hard. He says to preach it all the time. The Pastor is to use the Word of God show people right and wrong. He is to teach the Word of God so people can understand it. It takes much time to preach so people can understand.



Some people will not want to listen to the truth.

They will look for teachers who teach the way they want to hear. But the pastor is to preach the Word of God from place to place.

H. Words of victory.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8.

Paul knew that he would die soon. His first trial was over, and he knew the end was near. He said:

"It will soon be time for me to leave this life. I have fought a good fight. I have finished the work I was to do. I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:6,7. (N.L.T.)

Because of this, God will give Paul the crown of righteousness. This prize will also be given to all who look for Jesus to come again.





RIGHTEOUSNESS

Will we receive this crown?

I. Last words to Timothy, a pastor.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22.

Paul knew he had only a short time to live. He left Timothy to take up his work. As one who is to take over, Timothy had to know about the work. Paul told him where the Christian workers were. This would help Timothy to know what to do.

Paul asked Timothy to come to see him before he died. Timothy was to bring a coat for winter and books. He also was to bring Mark with him to help Paul in Rome.

Paul told Timothy about those who had gone back to the ways of the world. He also told Timothy to watch out for Alexander. Alexander had given Paul much trouble, 1 Timothy 1:20; 2 Timothy 4:14. Later, he gave Timothy his blessing.

TITUS

VI. INTRODUCTION TO TITUS

Paul wrote this letter to Titus, Titus 1:1. Titus was written some time between the time I and 2 Timothy were written.

Titus.

Titus was a Greek. Paul had led him to the Lord. He became one of Paul's most trusted and able helpers. Paul did not allow Titus to be circumcised. He wanted the people to know they could be Christians without being circumcised, Galatians 2:1-3.

Titus traveled much with Paul. He had known Paul for some 15 years before Paul wrote this letter to him.



Titus preached the gospel. He also was sent to help settle problems in several churches. He went to Corinth to settle some problems there. Timothy had not been able to settle those problems, 2 Corinthians 8:23.

Titus was put in charge of the churches in Crete. He must have been there for a

long time, Titus 1:4,5. It is believed he died there.¹

Why the letter to Titus was written.

A church had started on the island of Crete. Crete is an island in the Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea). It is southeast of Greece. Find it on the map.

The church had not been set in order. The Christians did not live good lives. Men were careless, older women gossiped and got drunk. The young women did not take care of their homes. Several things made the Christians behave like this. The people of Crete were very careless. They did not worry about what they were doing. The Judaizers told the Christians Jewish stories. They gave them all kinds of laws. The Judaizers were godless, did not keep the rules and wanted money.

Paul wrote wise words to Titus. Paul told Titus

- 1) how to choose church leaders,
- 2) how Christians should live,
- 3) how to watch for false teachers, and
- 4) the doctrines of the Church.

VII. OUTLINE OF TITUS

- A. Introduction and choosing a pastor, Titus 1:1-9.
- B. Warnings against false teachers, Titus 1:10-16.
- C. How Christians should live, Titus 2:1-10.
- D. Salvation is a free gift, Titus 2:11-15.
- E. The work of a pastor, Titus 3:1-11.
- F. The last words of Paul to Titus, Titus 3:12-15.

VIII. LESSONS IN TITUS

A. How to choose a pastor.

READ TITUS 1:1-9

The elders and bishops in this book are the same as pastors. Titus was to



¹W. Smith, Bible Dictionary, p. 704.

choose pastors for the churches on the island of Crete.

The pastors were to live godly lives. The pastors were to be blameless in their homes and blameless in their own lives. They were to know the Word of God. See 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

B. Warning against false teachers.

READ TITUS 1:10-16.

The false teachers at Crete were different from those at Ephesus. The false teachers at Crete would not listen or obey the truth. They taught foolish things which led the people to obey lies. They wanted money. The false teachers lived very sinful lives. The false teachers at Ephesus tried to live good lives. They tried to get the Christians to live by man-made laws. Both of these teachings were wrong. The false



teachers of Crete said they knew God, but their lives showed they did not know God. They were not able to do any good work.

C. How Christians should live.

READ TITUS CHAPTER 2.

1. Older men.

The older men were to be quiet. They were to be careful how they acted. They were to be the boss over their own desires. They were to stay strong in their faith and love.

2. Older women.

The older women were to be careful how they acted. They were to be careful about what they said about others. They were not to get drunk. They were to teach the younger women how to love their husbands and their children. When older men and women do this the Word of God is honored.

3. Young men.

The younger men were to be wise. Titus was to teach the young men by the

example of his own life.

4. People who work for others.

The person who works for others is to please his boss. He is to obey his boss. When he does this, he will honor God.

D. Doctrines of the Church.

- 1. Jesus Christ is God, Titus 2:13.
- 2. All people are sinners. They cannot save themselves, Titus 3:3.
- 3. God loves all people and made a way for them to be saved, Titus 3:4.
- 4. Salvation is for all people, Titus 2:11.
- 5. Jesus Christ saves men from the penalty of sin, Titus 2:10,13.
- 6. Salvation is a free gift, Titus 3:5.
- 7. Jesus Christ bought the Christian with His blood, Titus 2:14.
- 8. The Christian is made right with God, Titus 3:7.
- 9. The Christian is to turn away from all sin, Titus 2:12.
- 10. Jesus Christ cleans the Christian from all sin. He makes him free from the power of sin, Titus 2:14.
- 11. The Holy Spirit is given to the Christian, Titus 3:6.
- 12. The Holy Spirit is in the Christian, Titus 3:5.
- 13. Jesus Christ will come back again, Titus 2:13.
- 14. Jesus promises everlasting life, Titus 3:7.

E. Good works.

A person is not saved by good works. He is saved by the grace of God, Ephesians 2:8,9. He is saved because Jesus Christ died for him, Titus 2:11,14. But the Christian should do good works to show he is saved. The Christian should want to do good works because Jesus Christ set him free from sin, Titus 2:14. A Christian should be ready to do good works, Titus 3:1. A Christian should keep up good works so that he can help others, Titus 3:8,14.

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The pastor is to show how to live by his good work, Titus 2:7.

The false teachers did no good work. They were not able to do good work, Titus 1:16.

F. Last words to Titus.

READ TITUS 3:1-15.

The Christian should obey the leaders of the country. He should be gentle and kind to all people. He is not to argue about foolish questions.

The pastors are to warn those who would try to divide the Church. If the person keeps on trying to divide, the others are not to have anything to do with him.

Paul wanted Titus to come to him when Artemas or Tychicus came to the island. Paul was at the city of Nicapolis at that time. Paul wanted to spend the winter there. However he was arrested shortly after he wrote this letter and was taken to Rome.

Paul wanted the Christians to work hard. They were to earn their own living. They were to help others.

Paul sent greetings from the Christians who were with him.

IX. WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. deaconess a woman helper in the church.
- 2. dungeon usually an underground prison.
- 3. elder a man who helps with the spiritual work in the church.
- 4. bishop an overseer of a church in New Testament time; a pastor.
- 5. behavior the way a person acts.
- 6. ordain when a person is given the right to be a pastor or a minister.
- 7. pastor a minister of a church.
- 8. pastoral belonging to a pastor.
- 9. widow a woman whose husband has died.

X. ASSIGNMENT

1 Timothy.

- 1. led Timothy to the Lord.
- 2. The mother of Timothy was called
- 3. Timothy was (young, middle aged, old)
- 4. Timothy was at when Paul wrote this letter to him.

5.	1 Timothy, 2 Timothy and Titus are called letters		
	because they were written to		
6.	The main thought of 1 and 2 Timothy is		
7.	What is the law used for? 1 Timothy 1:8-10		
	Why is the law for sinners?		
8.	When a Christian does something that he knows is wrong, his faith is		
	1 Timothy 1:19.		
9.	We are to pray for because		
	(1 Timothy 2:1,2).		
10.	stands between God and man because		
	(1 Timothy 2:5).		
11.	Tell in your own words how a Christian woman should dress. See 1		
	Timothy 2:9.		
12.	What must a church leader (bishop or pastor) be like? 1 Timothy 3:1-7		

13. What must a church helper (deacon) be like? 1 Timothy 3:8-13

- 14. What will happen to some people in the last days according to 1 Timothy 4:1-5?
- 15. When Timothy lived they had problems with the care of widows in the church. Do we have the same problems today? Why?
- 16. Should a pastor be paid for his work? 1 Timothy 5:17,18Why?
- 17. How should a person treat his fellow-worker? 1 Timothy 6:1-2

2 Timothy.

- 18. Paul was sure of(2 Timothy 1:12).
- 19. Timothy was tofaithful men, 2 Timothy 2:2.
- 20. What must a good soldier of Christ be like? 2 Timothy 2:3,4
- 21. What does Paul say about foolish talk? 2 Timothy 2:14,16
- 22. What will happen in the last days? 2 Timothy 3:1-5

23. In what way did Paul live a life of victory? 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Titus.

- 24. Tell what you know about Titus.
- 25. Titus was the pastor of the church on the island of Crete. How did the people of Crete live?
- 26. A pastor is called a or an in the book of Titus.
- 27. What is a pastor to teach his people? Titus 3:1,2

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