

The First & Second Epistles to Timothy



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Part 1 – Summary of these two epistles. Why did St Paul write them? Quiz

Part 2 – The Roles of Men and Women in the Church

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❖ Who was Timothy?

- ❖ Timothy was a young man who had met St Paul when he had visited Timothy's home town, Lystra.
- ❖ Upon hearing St Paul's preaching, he became a Christian and accompanied St Paul on his second missionary journey.
- ❖ Timothy then became a faithful minister and son in the faith to St Paul for the rest of his life.
- ❖ St Paul ordained Timothy Bishop of Ephesus in AD 65, where he served for 15 years.

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❖ Who was Timothy? (cont.)

❖ In 80, Timothy tried to halt a pagan procession of idols, ceremonies, and songs.

❖ In response to his preaching of the Gospel, the angry pagans beat him, dragged him through the streets, and stoned him to death.

❖ In the 4th century, his relics were transferred to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople. The Church also numbers Timothy among the 70 apostles sent out by Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel.



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- ❖ Why did St Paul write these epistles?
 - ❖ St Paul wrote three "Pastoral Epistles"
 - ❖ Two epistles were written to Timothy and one to Titus
 - ❖ Theme for all three centres around the 'body of Christ' – i.e. the church. Hence called the Pastoral Epistles
 - ❖ He instructs Timothy on how to build a church



The First Epistle to Timothy

Outline of 1st Timothy

1 Timothy 1 – True & false doctrines

1 Timothy 2 – Church worship

1 Timothy 3 – Church leadership

1 Timothy 4 – Warnings against false teachers

1 Timothy 5 – Church discipline

1 Timothy 6 – The motives of a church leader

The Second Epistle to Timothy

Outline of 2nd Timothy

2 Timothy 1-2: A Christian's responsibility in a collapsing world

2 Timothy 3-4: A Christian's struggle in a collapsing world

Here, St Paul really encourages and challenges us all to:

1. Guard the truth
2. Be strong in the Lord
3. Avoid the traps and pitfalls of life
4. Preach the Word



QUIZ

1) Where can the epistles to Timothy be found in the Bible

- a) Old Testament
- b) New Testament, before the book of Revelation
- c) New Testament, before the epistle to Titus



QUIZ

2) How many of St Paul's epistles were addressed to Timothy?

- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) One



QUIZ

3) In the first epistle to Timothy, how does St. Paul refer to him?

- a) a dearly beloved son
- b) a true son in the faith
- c) my son
- d) my son in Christ Jesus



QUIZ

4) When Paul went to Macedonia, where does he ask Timothy to remain?

- a) Ephesus
- b) Jerusalem
- c) Laodicea
- d) Corinth



QUIZ

5) What are the names of Timothy's mother and grandmother?

- a) Lydia and Bernice
- b) Deborah and Rhoda
- c) Phoebe and Elizabeth
- d) Eunice and Lois



QUIZ

6) St. Paul mentions the characteristics a bishop of the church should have. Which of these is NOT mentioned as one of these characteristics?

- a) not greedy for money
- b) given to hospitality
- c) law abiding
- d) not violent



QUIZ

7) In the first epistle to Timothy, Paul writes "money is the root of all evil".

True



False

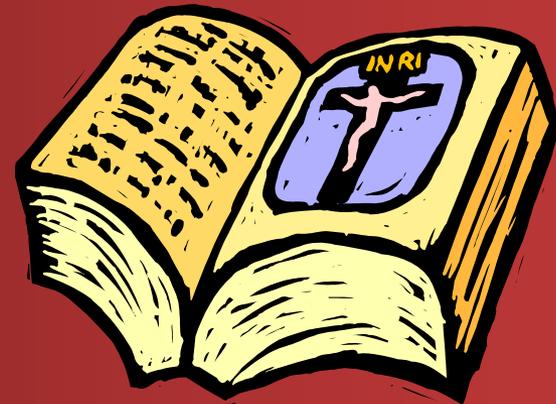
For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. *1 Timothy 6:10*



QUIZ

8) What things does Paul ask Timothy to bring with him on his next visit?

- a) his followers, Trophimus and Eubulus
- b) his cloak, books, and parchments
- c) writing materials and medication
- d) sandals and oil lamps



QUIZ

9) Concerning the last days, what does Paul tell Timothy of the state of mankind at that time?

- a) disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy
- b) lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers
- c) traitors, headstrong, haughty (proud)
- d) all of these and more



QUIZ

10) According to Paul's advice to Timothy, how are women supposed to dress?

- a) They should have both their hair and face covered, when outside their homes.
- b) They should clothe themselves according to the wishes of their husbands or fathers.
- c) They should dress in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation.
- d) Paul gives no advice on women's mode of dress.

The Role of Men & Women

What are the roles/orders within the church?

- **The Laity**
- **The Deacons**
- **The Presbyters (also priests or elders)**
- **The Bishop**

Two orders are available to females

The orders of laity and deacons are available to females, but they are not to have authority over a man.

The Role of Deaconess in the Early Church

1. The assisting at the administration of the baptism of women. "It is required that those who go down into the water (of baptism) shall be anointed with the oil of anointing by a deaconess."
2. Instructing newly baptised women. "When she that is baptised comes up from the water, the deaconess shall receive her, and shall teach her and instruct her how the seal of baptism may be unbroken in chastity and holiness."
3. The taking of messages of the bishop to women, where he could not send the deacon.

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4. Ministering to the sick and poor.
5. Ministering to the martyrs in prison.
6. Presiding over the women's entrance into the church; examining the commendatory letters of strangers and assigning them places.
7. Oversight of the widows and orphans.

I commend to you **Phoebe** our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea *Romans 16:1*

One of the first deaconesses of the early church



The Role of Deaconess in the Early Church

After the sixth century the order began to decline, both in numbers and in prestige for several reasons

- The decline and breakup of the Roman Empire made it unsafe for women to live and work alone
- As the Church moved westward, men were less restricted in their ministry to women
- Baptism of adults became rare
- Fewer martyrs were imprisoned

The Role of Deaconess

There has been a resurgence of the order of Deaconess (also called consecrated sisters) in the Coptic Orthodox church.

We have many examples of them in Egypt and some in Australia.

They are consecrated mainly to serve other females.



Biblical role of women

Part 1

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