

Episode 10: 1 and 2 Timothy

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1 Timothy

1. In 1 Timothy 1:3-7, what warning does Paul give about false teachings and their impact on the church? How can believers discern and address false doctrines in the present day?
2. Explore 1 Timothy 2:1-4, focusing on Paul's exhortation to pray for all people, including leaders. How does prayer contribute to a peaceful and godly life, and what is the significance of God's desire for all to be saved?
3. Discuss 1 Timothy 2:8-15, particularly the roles of men and women in the church. How can believers understand and apply these principles while maintaining unity and mutual respect?
4. In 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Paul outlines the qualifications for overseers and deacons. What qualities are highlighted, and how do these standards contribute to the health and order of the church?
5. Explore 1 Timothy 4:1-5, discussing the warnings against false teachings and the importance of receiving God's creation with thanksgiving. How can believers safeguard themselves against deceptive doctrines?
6. In 1 Timothy 4:12, what advice does Paul give to Timothy regarding his youth? How can young believers today apply these principles in their service and leadership within the church?
7. Reflect on 1 Timothy 5:3-16, where Paul provides instructions regarding the care of widows. What insights can be gained about the role of the church in supporting and caring for those in need?
8. In 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Paul discusses the dangers of the love of money. How can believers maintain a proper perspective on wealth and prioritize godliness over material gain?
9. Explore 1 Timothy 6:17-19, where Paul gives instructions to the wealthy. How can believers use their resources wisely and generously for the advancement of God's kingdom?
10. Reflect on 1 Timothy 6:20-21, where Paul warns Timothy to guard the deposit entrusted to him. How can believers protect and pass on the essential teachings of the faith in a world with various influences?

2 Timothy

1. In 2 Timothy 1:6-7, what encouragement does Paul give to Timothy regarding the spiritual gifts he has received? How can believers today cultivate and use their God-given gifts for the service of the church?
2. In 2 Timothy 1:8-12, how does Paul's perspective on suffering and imprisonment provide encouragement for believers facing challenges? How can faith in Christ shape one's response to adversity?
3. Explore 2 Timothy 2:1-7, focusing on the metaphor of a soldier, athlete, and farmer. What insights can be drawn about perseverance, discipline, and diligence in the Christian life?
4. In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul encourages Timothy to rightly handle the word of truth. How can believers engage in effective study and interpretation of the Scriptures to grow in their understanding of God's truth?
5. In 2 Timothy 2:22-26, Paul advises Timothy on how to handle conflicts and disputes within the church. What principles can be gleaned for resolving disagreements and fostering unity in the body of Christ?
6. Discuss 2 Timothy 3:10-13, where Paul reminds Timothy of his own persecutions. How can believers navigate challenges and opposition while remaining steadfast in their commitment to Christ?
7. Discuss 2 Timothy 3:16-17, where Paul emphasizes the inspiration and usefulness of Scripture. How can the Bible serve as a comprehensive guide for believers in every aspect of their lives?
8. Reflect on 2 Timothy 4:1-5, where Paul charges Timothy to preach the word in and out of season. How can believers today fulfill their responsibility to share the Gospel and stand firm in their faith?
9. Explore 2 Timothy 4:6-8, where Paul reflects on the end of his life. What can believers learn about finishing well, staying faithful, and anticipating the eternal reward?
10. Reflect on 2 Timothy 4:16-18, where Paul shares his experiences of abandonment and deliverance. How can believers find comfort and confidence in God's presence during times of trial and isolation?
11. What is **profound/ powerful** about this letter to you? What does it tell us about God, about humanity and about God’s involvement in our lives and salvation?
12. What is **problematic**?
13. What **personal** issues does this letter address in Paul’s life? Do any of these issues resonate with you? in your life?
14. Give some examples of how Paul expresses God’s truth in **poetic**, memorable or beautiful ways.
15. Are there any **practical** issues that Paul raises (money, travel, politics, etc.)?
16. What does Paul **pray** for in this letter, and what do you think is at the top of his “prayer list” for this church?
17. Where do you see Paul really speaking as a **pastor** and leader in this letter? What insights can be gained about Paul's relationship with Timothy through this letter?