

# 1 Timothy 1 - Three Foundations of a Church

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## Quick Facts: 1 Timothy

- “Pastoral Epistles” - 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus
- Written AD 64-67 (last years of Paul’s life)
- Order of Composition - 1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy
- Pastoral Epistles are to the Church what the Gospels are to the ministry of Jesus.
- The governance, leadership, function and organization of the Church summed up in these three epistles.

*God help us to strip away anything that man has added to the church through the centuries and return to the simplicity of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy and Titus.*

## 1 Timothy 1:1-5

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;

2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 As I besought thee to **ABIDE STILL AT EPHESUS**, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest **CHARGE SOME THAT THEY TEACH NO OTHER DOCTRINE**,

4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

5 Now **THE END OF THE COMMANDMENT IS CHARITY OUT OF A PURE HEART, AND OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE, AND OF FAITH UNFEIGNED:**

## ABIDE STILL

*(exercise patience, long-suffering, forgiveness and endurance - don’t run from disagreement, conflict or opposition - ministry is messy)*

- **CONSUMER CHRISTIANITY** (people demand a message that is non-offensive, self-justifying, self-gratifying, self-indulgent, self-help psychology, convenient, etc.)
- **FEAR OF VULNERABILITY** - past wounds and unforgiveness have erected high walls of self-defense and self-preservation
- **RESTLESS, OPPORTUNISTIC, CORPORATE-MINDED, “SUCCESS” DRIVEN PASTORS AND LEADERS** (little to no commitment to the people or relationships, more committed to their “career”, position and publicity, average pastorate is 3.5 years)
- **WORLDLY CRITERIA OF STRATEGY AND RESULTS** (driven primarily by media, metrics and measurable results)

## TEACH TRUTH - NO OTHER DOCTRINE

*"Some pastors preach messages that show they spend more time studying behaviorism and sociology than they do the Scriptures. There has been a growing trend among Evangelical pastors and churches over the past fifty years regarding the demise of theology and its subsequent replacement with psychology. (By theology I mean the serious systematic and orderly study of God.)*

*The repercussions of this have been cataclysmic. Now it has become popular that theology is not important enough for the average Christian, and also that it is not practical for the real world.*

*As a result, many Evangelical churches and sermons are a mile long and an inch deep! We emphasize getting people into our church buildings via slick marketing strategies, felt-need programs, and nice ambiance, while neglecting the greater commandment of sending out saints to transform the world as disciples of Christ!*

*Many of the fastest growing churches today have pulpit preaching based on self-help positive messages with or without Scripture as an appendage. The days of a pastor preaching relevant doctrinal messages have now gone the way of the dinosaur!" Joseph Mattera, How We Moved From Theological to Therapeutic Preaching and Why It Matters*

**THE FINAL GOAL IS LOVE** *(love from a pure heart, love from a good conscience, love from unfeigned faith)*

- *self-appointed zealots, who perceive themselves to be spiritually superior, take pride in their ability to critique other Christians with harsh condemnation*

## ABIDE STILL

### 1 Corinthians 12:18

"But now hath God set (*put, place*) the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."

### 1 Corinthians 12:18 ESV

"But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose."

### John 10:11-13

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, **seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth**: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.  
13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and **careth not for the sheep**.

#### **Colossians 3:12-15**

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;  
13 **Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**  
14 And **above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.**  
15 And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.**

#### **Romans 12:18**

"If it be possible, **as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.**"

### **TEACH TRUTH - NO OTHER DOCTRINE**

#### **2 Timothy 4:2-4**

2 **Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**  
3 **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**  
4 **And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

#### **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

1 And I, brethren, **when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.**  
2 **For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**  
3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.  
4 **And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**  
5 **That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**

### **THE FINAL GOAL IS LOVE**

#### **2 Timothy 2:23-26**

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.  
24 And **the servant of the lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,**  
25 **in meekness instructing** those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

**Ephesians 4:14–15**

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.