

## The First Epistle of Paul to Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to *the* commandment of God our Saviour, and Christ Jesus our hope; 2 unto Timothy, a true child in faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God *the* Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I exhorted thee to tarry at Ephesus, when *I was* going into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine, 4 neither to give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questionings, rather than a stewardship of God which *is* in faith. 5 But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned: 6□from which things some having <sup>1</sup>swerved have turned aside unto vain talking; 7 desiring to be teachers of *the* law, though they understand neither what they say, nor whereof they confidently affirm. 8 But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully, 9 as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous man, but for *the* lawless and unruly, for *the* ungodly and sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for <sup>2</sup>murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for abusers of themselves with men, for menstealers, for liars, for false swearers, and if there be any other thing contrary to the <sup>3</sup>sound <sup>4</sup>doctrine; 11□according to the <sup>5</sup>gospel of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

12 I thank him that <sup>6</sup>enabled me, *even* Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing *me* to *his* service; 13 though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief; 14□and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 15 Faithful *is* the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am <sup>7</sup>first: 16 howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first might Jesus Christ show forth all his longsuffering, for an ensample of them that should thereafter believe on him unto eternal life. 17□Now unto the <sup>8</sup>King eternal, incorruptible,

<sup>1</sup> *Gk.* missed *the* mark ch. 6:21; 2Tm 2:18.

<sup>2</sup> *Or,* smiters (*both times*)

<sup>3</sup> *Gk.* healthful

<sup>4</sup> *Or,* teaching;

<sup>5</sup> *Gk.* good tidings See Mt 4:23 margin.

<sup>6</sup> *N\** 33 cop<sup>sa</sup> read enableth

<sup>7</sup> *Or,* chief:

<sup>8</sup> *Gk.* King of the ages, Compare Rv 15:3; Hb 1:2.

invisible, *the* only God, *be* honor and glory <sup>9</sup>for ever and ever. Amen.

18 This charge I commit unto thee, *my* child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led *the* way to thee, that by them thou mayest war the good warfare; 19□holding faith and a good conscience; which some having thrust from them made shipwreck concerning the faith: 20 of whom <sup>10</sup>is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I delivered unto Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.

2 I exhort therefore, first of all, <sup>11</sup>that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; 2 for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. 3 This *is* good and acceptable in *the* sight of God our Saviour; 4 who would have all men to be saved, and come to a full knowledge of truth. 5□For *there is* one God, one mediator also between God and men, *himself having been* a man, Christ Jesus, 6□the one having given himself a ransom for all; the testimony *to be borne* in its own times; 7 whereunto I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I speak *the* truth, I lie not), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 I desire therefore that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without wrath and <sup>12</sup>disputing. 9□In like manner, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment; 10□but (which becometh women professing godliness) through good works. 11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. 12 But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression: 15□but she shall be saved through *her* child-bearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety.

3 Faithful *is* the saying.

If any *man* aspires to oversight, he desireth a good work. 2 The <sup>13</sup>overseer therefore must be without reproach, *the* husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3□no□heavy drinker, no striker; but gentle, not

<sup>9</sup> *Gk.* unto the ages of the ages.

<sup>10</sup> *The singular verb implies they were working together.*

<sup>11</sup> *Gk.* to make supplications *etc.*

<sup>12</sup> *Or,* doubting.

<sup>13</sup> *Or,* bishop *Gk.* επισκοπος, episcopus

contentious, no lover of money; 4 one that ruleth well *his* own house, having *his* children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (but if a man knoweth not how to rule *his* own house, how shall he take care of a church of God?) 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into a condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover *he* must have good testimony from them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and a snare of the devil. 8 Deacons in like manner *must be* grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, *if they* be blameless. 11 <sup>14</sup>Women in like manner *must be* grave, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and *their* own houses well. 13 For they that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in *the* faith which *is* in Christ Jesus.

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; 15 but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know <sup>15</sup>how men ought to behave themselves in a house of God, which is a church of *the* living God, a pillar and ground of the truth. 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness;

<sup>16</sup>He who was manifested in *the* flesh,

Justified in *the* spirit,

Seen of angels,

Preached among *the* <sup>17</sup>nations,

Believed on in *the* world,

Received up in glory.

4 But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 through *the* hypocrisy of men that speak lies, <sup>18</sup>branded in *their* own conscience *as with a hot iron*; 3 forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by them that believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing *is* to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 for it is sanctified through *the* word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which thou hast followed *until now*: 7 but refuse profane and old wives' fables. And exercise thyself

unto godliness: 8 for bodily exercise is profitable <sup>19</sup>for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life *which* now *is*, and of that *which is* to come. 9 Faithful *is* the saying, and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For to this *end* we labor and <sup>20</sup>strive, because we have *our* hope set on *the* living God, who is *the* Saviour of all men, specially of them that believe. 11 These things command and teach. 12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an <sup>21</sup>ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with *the* laying on of the hands of the <sup>22</sup>presbytery. 15 Be diligent in these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy progress may be manifest unto all. 16 Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee.

5 Rebuke not an elder, but exhort *him* as a father; *the* younger men as brethren: 2 *the* elder women as mothers; *the* younger as sisters, in all purity. 3 Honor widows that *are* widows indeed. 4 But if any widow hath children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety towards *their* own family, and to requite *their* parents: for this is acceptable in *the* sight of God. 5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, hath *her* hope set on God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. 6 But she that giveth herself to pleasure is dead while she liveth. 7 These things also command, that they may be without reproach. 8 But if any provideth not for *his* own, and specially *his own* household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse *than* an unbeliever. 9 Let none be enrolled as a widow under sixty years old, *having been* the wife of one man, 10 well reported of for good works; if she hath brought up children, if she hath used hospitality to strangers, if she hath washed *the* saints' feet, if she hath relieved *the* afflicted, if she hath diligently followed every good work. 11 But younger widows refuse: for when they have waxed wanton against Christ, they desire to marry; 12 having condemnation, because they have rejected *their* first <sup>23</sup>pledge. 13 And withal they learn also *to be* idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which

<sup>14</sup> Or, Wives or, Their wives

<sup>15</sup> Or, how thou oughtest to behave thyself

<sup>16</sup> So N\*C\*A\* 33. D\* vg read Which 1739 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read God

<sup>17</sup> Or, Gentiles,

<sup>18</sup> Or, seared

<sup>19</sup> Or, for little; or for a short time;

<sup>20</sup> So N\*CA 33. But 1739 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> arm vg read suffer reproach,

<sup>21</sup> Lit. type or, pattern

<sup>22</sup> Or, body of elders.

<sup>23</sup> Gk. faith.

they ought not. 14 I desire therefore that *the* younger <sup>24</sup>*widows* marry, bear children, rule *the* household, give no occasion to the adversary for reviling: 15 for already some are turned aside after Satan. 16 If any <sup>25</sup>woman that believeth hath widows, let her relieve them, and let not the church be burdened; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching. 18 For the scripture saith, <sup>26</sup>Thou shalt not muzzle an ox when he treadeth out *the* corn. And, The laborer *is* worthy of his hire. 19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, except at *the* mouth of two or three witnesses. 20 Them that sin reprove in *the* sight of all, that the rest also may be in fear. 21 I charge *thee* in *the* sight of God, and Christ Jesus, and the elect <sup>27</sup>angels, that thou observe these things without <sup>28</sup>prejudice, doing nothing by partiality. 22 Lay hands hastily on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. 23 (Be no longer a drinker of water *only*, but use a little wine for *thy* stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.) 24 Some men's sins are evident, going before unto judgment; and some also they follow after. 25 In like manner also <sup>29</sup>*there are* good works *that are* evident; and such as are otherwise cannot *long* be hid.

6 Let as many as are <sup>30</sup>servants under a yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and the doctrine be not blasphemed. 2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise *them*, because they are brethren; but let them serve *them* the rather, because they that <sup>31</sup>partake of the benefit are believing and beloved. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any man teacheth a different doctrine, and consenteth not to <sup>32</sup>sound words, *even* the *words* of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but <sup>33</sup>doting about questionings and disputes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 wranglings of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a

<sup>24</sup> *Or, women*

<sup>25</sup> *So* SA 048 1739 33 81 cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> vg. *D* and a majority of lesser *Gk. mss. read* man or woman

<sup>26</sup> Dt 25:4.

<sup>27</sup> *Or, messengers, And so everywhere.*

<sup>28</sup> *Or, preference,*

<sup>29</sup> *Or, the works that are good are evident;*

<sup>30</sup> *Gk. bondservants*

<sup>31</sup> *Or, lay hold of*

<sup>32</sup> *Gk. healthful*

<sup>33</sup> *Gk. sick*

way of <sup>34</sup>gain. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain: 7 for we brought nothing into the world, because neither can we carry anything out; 8 but having food and covering <sup>35</sup>we shall be therewith content. 9 But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all <sup>36</sup>kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, <sup>37</sup>patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto thou wast called, and didst confess the good confession in *the* sight of many witnesses. 13 I charge <sup>38</sup>thee in *the* sight of God, who <sup>39</sup>preserveth all things alive, and of Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession; 14 that thou keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 which in <sup>40</sup>its own times he shall show, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the <sup>41</sup>King of kings, and <sup>42</sup>Lord of lords; 16 who only hath immortality, dwelling *in the* light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honor and power eternal. Amen.

17 Charge them that are rich in this present age, that they be not highminded, nor have *their* hope set on *the* uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, <sup>43</sup>willing to communicate; 19 laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the *time* to come, that they may lay hold on <sup>44</sup>the real life.

20 O Timothy, guard <sup>45</sup>that which is committed unto *thee*, turning away from the profane babblings and oppositions of the knowledge *which is* falsely so

<sup>34</sup> *So* SA 048 1739 33 81 cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> vg. 256 and a majority of lesser *Gk. mss., arm read* gain; from such withdraw thyself.

<sup>35</sup> *Or, in these we shall have enough.*

<sup>36</sup> *Gk. evils:*

<sup>37</sup> *Or, stedfastness,*

<sup>38</sup> SA\* 1739 33 omit thee

<sup>39</sup> SA and many *mss. read* giveth life to all things

<sup>40</sup> *Or, his*

<sup>41</sup> *Gk. King of them that reign as kings,*

<sup>42</sup> *Gk. Lord of them that rule as lords;*

<sup>43</sup> *Or, ready to sympathize;*

<sup>44</sup> *So* SA 1739 81 cop arm vg. 1881 and a majority of lesser *Gk. mss. read* eternal life.

<sup>45</sup> *Gk. the deposit,*

called; 21 which some professing have <sup>46</sup>erred concerning the faith.

Grace *be* with you.<sup>47</sup>

*End of the First Epistle of Paul to Timothy*

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<sup>46</sup> *Gk.* missed *the* mark

<sup>47</sup> *So* S\*A 33 81 (cop<sup>bo</sup>). 048<sup>vid</sup> 1739\* *and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg read with thee. 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop<sup>bo</sup> vg add Amen.*