1ST TIMOTHY

AGAPE INSTRUCTION FOR LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, WORSHIP, AND COMMUNITY CONDUCT IN THE CHURCH

WHO IS TIMOTHY?

- Timothy's mother was Jewish, but his father was Greek.
- Timothy was not circumcised when he first met Paul but later was circumcised to avoid offending religious Jews.
- Timothy's grandmother and mother, Lois and Eunice, were among Paul's first converts from the Jewish community in Lystra
- Timothy was taught about the Scriptures when he was a child. 2 Timothy 3:14-15

WHO IS TIMOTHY?

- Timothy symbolizes that the gospel mission would bring together Jews and Greeks who believe in Jesus.
- Timothy was a member of Paul's missionary team.
- Timothy helped tell Jesus' followers what the apostles and other leaders in Jerusalem had decided.
- To Paul, of kindred spirit (Philippians 2:19-22), referred to Timothy as "my son in the faith" & mature believer for age 1 Timothy 4:12

PAUL'S 1ST MISSIONARY JOURNEY



PAUL'S 2ND MISSIONARY JOURNEY



PAUL'S 3ND MISSIONARY JOURNEY



PURPOSE OF 1ST TIMOTHY

To provide Godly instructions for church leadership, organization, and to encourage Timothy to address false teachers in the church in Ephesus.

- 1 Timothy 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
- 1 Timothy 3:15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.
- 1 Timothy 6:15 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

- Greetings 1:1-2
- Correcting False Teachers: 1:3-11
 - strange doctrines, focus on myths & endless genealogies, meaningless fruitless talk, and don't teach what they don't understand.

³ As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, ⁴ nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith. ⁵ But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion,

God's Grace to Paul 1:12-17

 Jesus' show perfect patience and grace toward Paul not only to save but use in His service even with his past.

¹⁵ It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. ¹⁶ Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

Paul's charge to Timothy 1:18-20

Fight the good fight & keep the faith with a good conscience.

Prayer in the Church 2:1-8

 For all with thankfulness, Kings and all in authority, and for all to be saved and come to knowledge of truth.

⁵ For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.

Instruction to Men 2:9

 8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

- Instruction to Women 2:9-10
 - Women should value inward beauty (good works with pure heart) more than outward (Clothing & wear that draw attention to themselves).

Proverbs 31: 30

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,

But a woman who fears/reverences the Lord, she shall be praised.

Must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness

- Important to know verses 11-13 does not mean;
 - They don't have ability to teach or have skills to manage/lead other.
 - Are prone to be deceived.
- Set order of creation and how it was originally plan to be done.

¹¹ A woman must *quietly* receive instruction with entire *submissiveness*. ¹² But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. ¹³ For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. ¹⁴ And *it was* not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. ¹⁵ But *women* will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint

 Godly teaching & leadership should be done with agape love and accountability to God.

James 3:1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

- Overseer qualification 3:1-8
 - above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine, gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money, who manages his own household well with all dignity, not a new convert, and have a good reputation with those outside the church
- Quality characteristic!

- Deacon qualifications 3:9-13
 - men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience, must first be tested and beyond reproach, husbands of one wife, good managers of their children and households.
- 11 Women/wife must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

1 TIMOTHY 3:14-16 & 4

- Church conduct should support the Truth 3:14-16
- Prediction of the false teaching 4:1-5
 - Abandoned the faith, lead by deceitful spirits, hypocritical liars, forbid things which are not inherently evil and part of God's creation.
- Defense against false teaching 4:6-16
 - Be in Word and sound doctrine
 - Spiritual fitness/training
 - Fix hope in God not man
 - Godly conduct in speech, agape love, faith & purity.

- Instructions towards older and younger 5:1-2
 - Treat older like parents, young like brothers/sisters.
- Instructions towards widows 5:3-16
- Help older who are in need, young can remarry.
- Instructions towards Elders 5:17-20
 - Worthy of honor for service & carefully confirm accusations.
- Charge to Timothy 5:17-24
 - Follow instruction without bias and free of sin.

- Instruction towards master or slave 6:1-2
 - Be examples of honoring master & treating slave respectfully.
- Instruction towards false teachers 6:3-5
 - Guard oneself of those who misuse God's word

³ If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, ⁴ he is conceited *and* understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, ⁵ and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

- Instruction towards money & godliness 6:6-19
 - Don't fix hope in riches but use riches for Godly purposes
- ¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.
- Instruction towards Timothy in what he has been entrusted 6:20-21
- ²⁰ O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly *and* empty chatter *and* the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"— ²¹ which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith.