

1 Timothy

Lesson 1 — Doctrinal Fidelity

Chapter 1 strikes a very personal tone. Paul is writing to the preacher he has left behind in a difficult circumstance — and things seem to only be getting more difficult. The work of a preacher can be difficult, frustrating, and full of questions of effectiveness — responding to such, Paul reminds Timothy of what is truly important in his work as an evangelist: instructing people in the truth (1.3) and working to develop godly characteristics in his hearers (1.5). There will be challenges along the way (1.6ff), but not all challenges are insurmountable — look at Paul (1.12ff).

1) In what sense was Timothy Paul's "child in the faith" (1.2)?

A) _____

2) What should our preaching and teaching be developing?

A) _____

3) Was the Law of Moses good?

A) _____

4) Was Paul excused from his sinful conduct because he acted ignorantly?

A) _____

5) What is always more abundant than what we need at any time?

A) _____

6) What other information can you find about Alexander and Hymenaeus?

A) _____

THOUGHT QUESTIONS:

1) What is a doctrine which sounds good on the surface but, when examined further, has frightening and unbiblical qualities?

2) How did Paul experience God's abundant grace "with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus? (1.14)

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