

Behave Yourself

1 Timothy 3:15

I. Paul's Absence, 14-15a

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- What things? Verses 1-13
 - Timothy could put finger on passage – hard proof
 - Relaying a message: ‘maybe you misunderstood / misheard’

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 - a. Reader: focus on individual words
 - b. Eliminates misunderstandings
 - c. Can read it over and over
 - d. If miss something in speech, it's gone
 - e. We forget most of what we hear

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4. Prepares Timothy because Paul is
absent – as with us

That you may **know**
Could Paul's presence
make it clearer than
'know'?

That . . . may know **how**
Mt.16:13
1 Tim.3:5
1 Co.14:37

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II. Paul's Absolutes, 15

Gives boundaries and duties

- **'Ought'**: it is necessary, one must, one has to...
- Lord's church is not a democracy
 - 1 Tim.1:3
 - 1 Tim.6:3
 - 2 Tim.4:2-4
 - Ep.1:22-23
 - Ac.2:42

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- Ought **'to conduct'** (behave):
conduct oneself in terms of certain
principles, *act* - BDAG. 1 Pt.1:17

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- Ought to conduct (behave) **in house** of God . . . **church** of living God
 - Mt.16:18, **build; rock: foundation**
 - Athens: every citizen
 - Israel: congregation (people)
 - Dt.4:10
 - Ac.19:32

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(Hb.2:10)
 - Soldiers: Christians

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 - 1 Tim.3:15, **house** (3:4-5, 12): **family** (Ac.10:2). **God: Father**
 - Children: Christians, Hb.3:5-6

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 - 1 Tim.3:15, **house: temple.**
 - Cornerstone: Jesus, 1 Pt.2:6
 - Stones: Christians, 1 Pt.2:5
 - 2 Co.6:16; 1 Co.3:17

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 - 1 Tim.3:15, church: called out (people): 'of God' – 2 Th.2:14
 - Ro.16:16, of Christ
 - 1 Tim.3:16, living

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- Ought to conduct (behave) in house of God . . . church of living God
- **Pillar . . . of truth**
 - Supporting portion; support roof
 - Temple in Ephesus
 - Gal.2:9, James, Cephas, John

Pillars held shining marble roof
high: seen from afar.

Church (pillar) holds up truth;
seen around world.

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- Pillar . . . of truth
- **Ground . . . of truth**
 - Provides firm base for something
 - Buttress; support; bulwark

Foundation supports entire structure.
Church supports truth against error
and unbelief. Ph.1:7; Col.1:23

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- *Why no pope?

- *Why Peter 'mother-in-law'?

- *Why hierarchy?

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3. **Truth: what conforms to fact. V.16**
(Jn.14:6).
 - *Church did not produce truth
 - *If destroy church, truth remains

2. Truth brought church into existence

Church supports truth. → Ac.2

1. Spread truth, 1 Tim.2:4
2. Speak against error, 1 Tim.4:3
3. Shun error, 1 Tim.6:5
4. Scriptural handling, 2 Tim.2:15
5. Save from error, 2 Tim.2:18...25
6. Stay with truth, 2 Tim.4:4