

1 Timothy 1:1–11

Introduction to 1 Timothy

“But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.” (Philippians 2:22)

“I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:14–15)

“Everything in these letters is relevant for us today, and little that is needed to edify the church cannot be deduced from them.” (John Calvin)

Identity and Authority (1 Timothy 1:1–2)

“Let no one despise you for your youth.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

“No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.” (1 Timothy 5:23)

Counterfeit vs. Real Gospel (1 Timothy 1:3–11)

Two Contrasts:

1. Speculation vs. Love
2. Wrong Use vs. Right Use

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one.” (Galatians 1:6–7)

“The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there.” (L. P. Hartley)

“Irreverent, silly myths.” (1 Timothy 4:7)

“And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’” (Matthew 22:37–40)

“Whoever, then, thinks that he understands the Holy Scriptures, or any part of them, but puts such an interpretation upon them as does not tend to build up this twofold love of God and our neighbor, does not yet understand them as he ought.” (Augustine)

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

