

DISCOVERING FIRST & SECOND TIMOTHY

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It is an introductory study in our **ADVENTURING THROUGH THE BIBLE** series, so named because we consider every occasion of discovering, exploring and applying the Scriptures as an adventure in learning to be the people God has created us to be. The Apostle Paul told his disciple, Timothy, that “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NIV). We therefore pray you will enjoy the adventure of being taught, rebuked, corrected, and trained to be a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ and to help others do the same.

The study is not as in depth as it could be, but the format does lend itself to practicing some disciplines that will help you glean more than you might in the typical fill-in-the-blanks studies. Most importantly, we pray it will serve as a tool in your own study to help you do as our friends in Gideon’s International often say, “read it through, pray it in and work it out.” Toward those ends, we encourage you to prayerfully, in reliance upon the Holy Spirit as your Teacher, read both epistles entirely before you study individual passages.

It’s always good to understand the purpose and intent of the author, the cultural situation of the recipients, major themes, and issues that are addressed. These are the kinds of things to be looking for and jotting down as you read through the entire book. But you can also glean much from the introductory material in a good study Bible and study tools like Bible commentaries, dictionaries and/or encyclopedias. Feel free to contact us for some recommendations. Our Pastor would also love to hear from you if you are interested in learning more Bible study skills. We can also provide an **EXPLORING FIRST & SECOND TIMOTHY** study that is more in-depth.

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1 TIMOTHY 1:1-11

DISCOVER

1. How does Paul describe himself as the human author of this letter? (1:1)
2. How does Paul describe Timothy as the recipient? (1:2)
3. For what does Paul pray and from Whom does he expect the answer? (1:2)
4. Why did Paul want Timothy to stay in Ephesus? (1:3-4)
5. What did Paul say about myths and genealogies? (1:4)
6. What was the goal of the command Paul urged Timothy to enforce? (1:5)
7. In what way had some believers been misguided? (1:6)
8. How did Paul assess those who wanted to be teachers of the law? (1:7)
9. When is the Law good? (1:8)
10. For whom was the Law made? (1:9-11)
11. What did God entrust to Paul? (1:11)

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-20

DISCOVER

1. For what did Paul thank Jesus? (1:12)
2. What did Paul say he once was? (1:13)
3. Why was he shown mercy? (1:13)
4. What did Paul say had been poured out on him? (1:14)
5. What trustworthy statement did he say is worthy of full acceptance? (1:15)
6. How did Paul categorize himself? (1:15)
7. Why was Paul shown mercy? (1:16)
8. Of whom was Paul made an example? (1:16)
9. What qualities did Paul ascribe to God? (1:17)
10. Why did Paul give Timothy his instructions? (1:18-19)
11. What did Paul say some had done with their faith? (1:19)

12. Why did Paul hand Hymenaeus and Alexander over to Satan? (1:20)

DECIDE

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1 TIMOTHY 2:1-15

DISCOVER

1. What did Paul urge first of all? Why? (2:1-3)
2. What does God want? (2:4)
3. For whom and with Whom is Jesus Christ the One Mediator? (2:5)
4. For whom did Jesus give Himself? Why? (2:6)
5. To what end did Paul insist he was not lying? (2:7)
6. What did Paul want people everywhere to do? (2:8)
7. How did Paul say women should dress? Why? (2:9-10)
8. How did Paul instruct women to learn? (2:11)
9. What didn't Paul permit women to do? (2:11)
10. How did Paul explain what he didn't allow to women? (2:12-14)
11. To what priorities did Paul call women? (2:15)

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-16

DISCOVER

1. What did Paul say about the person who wants to be an overseer? (3:1)
2. What qualities must an overseer possess? (3:2-7)
3. Why is good family management a qualification for being an overseer? (3:4-5)
4. Why shouldn't the overseer be a new convert? (3:6)
5. Why must an overseer have a good reputation? (3:7)
6. What qualities must a deacon possess? (3:8-10, 12)
7. What is required before someone can serve as a deacon? (3:10)
8. What sort of person must the wife of a deacon be? (3:11)
9. What do those who serve well gain? (3:13)
10. Why did Paul write these instructions? (3:14-15)
11. How did Paul describe the church? (3:15)

12. How did Paul describe the mystery of godliness? (3:16)

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1 TIMOTHY 4:1-16

DISCOVER

1. What did the Spirit say some would do in the later times? (4:1)
2. What did Paul say about the consciences of teachers who were hypocritical liars? (4:2)
3. What did the liars whom Paul attacked forbid people to do? (4:3)
4. What is true about all that God created? (4:3-4)
5. Why should anything received with thanksgiving not be rejected? (4:5)
6. Why was it important for Timothy to pass along Paul's instructions? (4:6)
7. What did Paul instruct Timothy to not do? (4:7)
8. What did he instruct Timothy to do? Why? (4:8)
9. What saying is trustworthy and deserving full acceptance? (4:9-10)
10. What did Paul tell Timothy to do with what he had been instructed? (4:11)
11. What should young people strive for? (4:12)

12. What kind of example did Paul want Timothy to set? (4:12)

13. To what was Timothy to devote himself? (4:13)

14. What was Timothy not to neglect? (4:14)

15. What did Paul want others to see? How? (4:15)

16. What could Timothy do to save himself and his hearers? (4:16)

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1 TIMOTHY 5:1-16

DISCOVER

1. How should believers treat older men, younger men, older women, and younger women? (5:1-2)
2. To whom did Paul tell Timothy to give proper recognition? (5:3)
3. What should the children and grandchildren of a widow do? Why? (5:4)
4. What does the widow who is really in need and left alone do? (5:5)
5. What is true about the widow who lives for pleasure? (5:6)
6. Why did Paul tell Timothy to give these instructions? (5:7)
7. Why is it important to provide for your family? (5:8)
8. For which widows should the church especially care? (5:9-10)
9. Why should younger widows not be put on the "list of widows"? (5:11)
10. How do younger widows bring judgment upon themselves? (5:12)
11. To what habits may younger widows fall prey? (5:13)

12. What was Paul's advice to younger widows? (5:14)

13. What had some of the younger widows already done? (5:15)

14. Why did Paul encourage Christian women to care for the widows in their families? (5:16)

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1 TIMOTHY 5:17-6:2

DISCOVER

1. Of what is the elder worthy who directs the affairs of the church well? (5:17)
2. Which elders are especially worthy? (5:17)
3. Why should elders be paid? (5:18)
4. How should accusations against an elder be handled? (5:19)
5. Why should elders who sin be rebuked publicly? (5:20)
6. How did Paul encourage Timothy to keep these instructions? (5:21)
7. What did Paul encourage Timothy to not do and to do? (5:22)
8. Why did Paul encourage Timothy to use a little wine? (5:23)
9. What is the impact of a person's sins and good deeds? (5:24-25)
10. Why should slaves consider their masters worthy of respect? (6:1)
11. How should slaves treat masters who are believers? (6:2)

12. What did Paul tell Timothy to do with these instructions? (6:2)

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1 TIMOTHY 6:3-10

DISCOVER

1. What do false teachers ignore? (6:3)
2. What harsh words did Paul have for false teachers? (6:4)
3. In what did the false teachers of Paul's day have an unhealthy interest? (6:4)
4. What was the result of the false teachers' unhealthy interests? (6:4-5)
5. What did the false teachers of Paul's day really want? (6:5)
6. What results in great gain? (6:6)
7. What do we bring into and out of the world? (6:7)
8. With what should we be content? (6:8)
9. What often happens to people who want to get rich? (6:9)
10. What is a root of all kinds of evil? (6:10)
11. What price do some people eager for money pay? (6:10)

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-21

DISCOVER

1. What did Paul tell Timothy to pursue? (6:11)
2. What was Timothy urged to fight? (6:12)
3. Of what did Paul tell Timothy to take hold? (6:12)
4. Before whom did Timothy make a good confession? (6:12)
5. To what did Paul say God gives life? (6:13)
6. Before whom did Jesus make "the good confession"? (6:13)
7. With what did Paul charge Timothy? (6:13-14)
8. What did he say God would bring about in His own time? (6:14-15)
9. What titles and attributes did Paul ascribe to God? (6:15-16)
10. Why should those who are rich not be arrogant or put their hope in wealth? (6:17)
11. What commands are given to those who are rich? (6:18)

12. Why would they want to obey those commands? (6:19)

13. What was Timothy to guard? How? (6:20)

14. How had some wandered away from the truth? (6:20-21)

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2 TIMOTHY 1:1-18

DISCOVER

1. How does Paul's salutation compare to 1 Timothy 1:1-2? (1:1-2)
2. What did Paul do night and day? (1:3)
3. Why did Paul long to see Timothy? (1:4)
4. Who were Lois and Eunice, and what did Paul say about them? (1:5)
5. What was Timothy reminded to do? (1:6)
6. What kind of spirit does God give to His people? (1:7)
7. What did Paul tell Timothy to not do and to do? (1:8)
8. What did Paul tell Timothy God had done for them? How? Why? (1:9)
9. What did he say Christ had done? (1:10)
10. Of what was Paul appointed a herald, an apostle, and a teacher? (1:11)
11. Why was Paul not ashamed of the gospel? (1:12)

12. What did Paul tell Timothy to do with his training? How? (1:13-14)

13. Who had deserted Paul? (1:15)

14. What did Paul want for Onesiphorus and his household? Why? (1:16-18)

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2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

DISCOVER

1. From where did Paul tell Timothy to find his strength? (2:1)
2. What did Paul encourage Timothy to do with what he had been taught? (2:2)
3. How was Timothy to endure hardship? (2:3)
4. How does a soldier limit himself? Why? (2:4)
5. What must an athlete do in order to win? (2:5)
6. What should a hardworking farmer receive? Why? (2:6)
7. Why did Paul want Timothy to reflect on what he was instructed? (2:7)
8. What was Paul's Gospel? (2:8)
9. How was he suffering for it? (2:9)
10. What did he say about God's Word in comparison? (2:9)
11. Why was Paul willing to endure anything? (2:10)

12. What "trustworthy saying" did Paul leave with Timothy to encourage him? (2:11-13)

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2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26

DISCOVER

1. What did Paul tell Timothy to do with what he was being taught? (2:14)
2. Why was Timothy to warn people against quarreling about words? (2:14)
3. How did Paul encourage Timothy to present himself before God? (2:15)
4. Why did Paul warn to avoid godless chatter? (2:16-17)
5. What had Hymenaeus and Philetus done? (2:17-18)
6. What did Paul say is true of God's solid foundation? (2:19)
7. What sort of articles are found in a large house? (2:20)
8. How can someone become an instrument used for noble purposes? (2:21)
9. What and with whom was Timothy encouraged to flee and to pursue? (2:22)
10. What produces quarrels? (2:23)
11. What must the Lord's servant avoid and do? (2:24)

12. How should we deal with those who oppose the Lord's servants? Why? (2:25-26)

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2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9

DISCOVER

1. What did Paul call to our attention? (3:1)
2. What will people be like in the last days? (3:2)
3. What will people in the last days lack? (3:3)
4. What will people in the last days love instead of God? (3:4)
5. What kind of "godliness" will people have in the last days? (3:5)
6. What should we do with the kind of people Paul described? (3:5)
7. How do godless people exploit others? (3:6)
8. What controls the kind of godless people Paul described? (3:6)
9. What are godless people always doing? (3:7)
10. Why do certain people oppose the truth? (3:8)
11. To what historical figures were these godless people compared? (3:8)

12. Why will godless people not get very far? (3:9)

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2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17

DISCOVER

1. What did Timothy know about Paul? (3:10-11)
2. From what did Paul say the Lord rescued him? (3:11)
3. What will happen to everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus? (3:12)
4. What will evil men and impostors do? (3:13)
5. What did Paul encourage Timothy to do? Why? (3:14-15)
6. How long had Timothy known the holy Scriptures? (3:15)
7. What are the holy Scriptures able to do? (3:15)
8. What is true of all Scripture? (3:16)
9. For what is Scripture useful? (3:16)
10. For what good work does the Scripture equip the person of God? (3:17)

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

DISCOVER

1. In Whose presence does Paul charge Timothy? (4:1)
2. Who will Jesus Christ judge? (4:1)
3. What was Paul's charge to Timothy? (4:2)
4. What time did Paul say was coming? (4:3)
5. What will people one day do with the truth? (4:4)
6. What did Paul instruct Timothy to do? (4:5)
7. What time did Paul say had come for him? (4:6)
8. What had Paul done? (4:7)
9. What was in store for Paul? (4:8)
10. How did Paul describe the Lord as Judge? (4:8)
11. To whom will God award a crown of righteousness? (4:8)

2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22

DISCOVER

1. What did Paul want Timothy to do? (4:9)
2. What had Demas done? Why? (4:10)
3. Who was with Paul? (4:11)
4. Why did Paul want Timothy to bring Mark to him? (4:11)
5. Whom did Paul send to Ephesus? (4:12)
6. What did Paul want Timothy to bring with him? (4:13)
7. What did Paul say about Alexander? (4:14-15)
8. How did Paul instruct Timothy to deal with Alexander? (4:15)
9. What happened at Paul's first defense? (4:16)
10. In what way did the Lord deliver Paul? Why? (4:17)
11. Of what was Paul convinced? (4:18)

12. Whose greetings were to be given and received? (4:19-21)

13. When did Paul want Timothy to come? (4:21)

14. What was Paul's desire for Timothy? (4:22)

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