

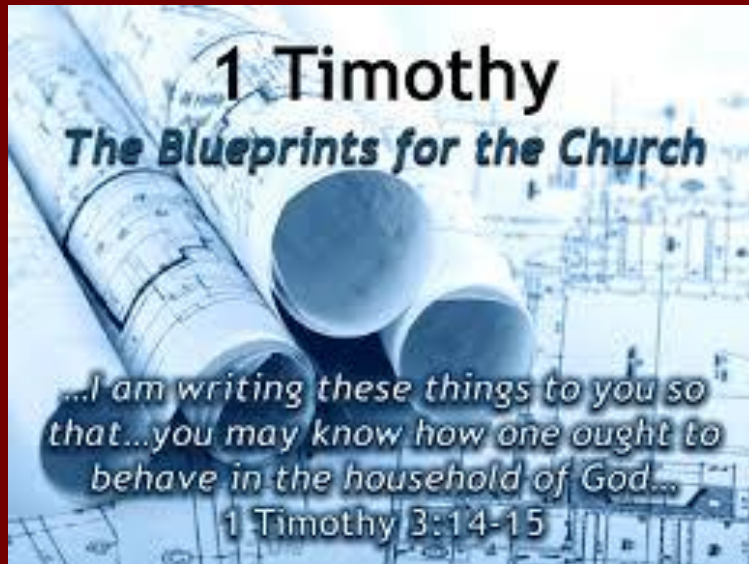


1 Timothy

I Timothy Chapter 3

Outline of Contents

- 3 Qualifications for overseers (1-7)
- Qualifications for ministerial servants (8-13)
- Sacred secret of godly devotion (14-16)



I Timothy Chapter 3

- **I Timothy 3:1-2** – “...if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do...”
 - **Overseer** – In the Greek culture, the “overseer” was a presiding official in civic and religious organizations.
 - Local congregation
 - **Equivalent to the Jewish concept of an “elder”.**
 - **Duties of the “Overseer”**
 - **Teach and preach (3:2; 5:17)**
 - **Direct affairs of the church (3:5; 5:17)**
 - **Shepherd the flock of God (Acts 20:28)**
 - **Guard the church from error (Acts 20:28-31)**

I Timothy Chapter 3

- **I Timothy 3:6** — “Not a novice (new convert), lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.”
 - Novice – a person new to or inexperienced in a field or situation.
 - “Newly Planted”
 - Possibly, this means that a recent convert runs the very serious risk of being wise in his own eyes, of despising those who are still on the level from which, by his conversion, he has been lifted; and so he becomes puffed up with high ideas of his own importance. He has not yet had time to discover his limitation

I Timothy Chapter 3

- **I Timothy 3:8-13** — “Deacons likewise must be men of dignity...these men must first be tested, then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach...”
 - Deacon — “one who serves”. The example is given in Acts 6:1-6 of deacons being designated in the church.
 - Two local church offices mentioned are the overseer (elder) and deacon; also mentioned in Philippians 1:1
 - Qualifications of the “Deacon”
 - Reverent
 - Holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience
 - Proven
 - Found blameless
 - Husband of one wife
 - Ruling his house well

Group Discussion



I Timothy Chapter 4

Outline of Contents

- 4 Warning against teachings of demons (1-5)
- How to be a fine minister of Christ (6-10)
 - Physical training versus godly devotion (8)
- Pay attention to your teaching (11-16)

KEEP A CLOSE WATCH

1 Timothy 4:11 – 16

For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:8

1 Timothy 4:3-4

King James Version Bible

Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and noth...

I Timothy Chapter 4

- **I Timothy 4:1-5** – “...in the latter times some will fall away (apostacize) from the faith, pay attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons...having their conscience seared...”
 - **I John (Gnosticism) / Unbiblical Asceticism** arose out of the belief that the spirit is entirely good and matter is entirely evil.
 - **Forbid marriage**
 - **Abstaining from foods**

I Timothy Chapter 4

■ Strange Doctrines/Contrary to Sound Teachings / 5 Errors of Gnosticism

- Man's body, which is matter, is therefore evil. It is to be contrasted with God, who is wholly spirit and therefore good.
- Salvation is the escape from the body, achieved not by faith in Christ, but by special knowledge (Greek word for knowledge – gnosis)
- Christ's true humanity was denied in two ways: 1.) Christ only seemed to have a body (Docetism – "to seem"). 2.) The divine Christ joined the man Jesus at baptism and left him before he died (Cerinthianism – reference in I John)
- Since the body was considered evil, it was to be treated harshly. (Colossians 2:21-23)
- Paradoxically, this dualism also led to licentiousness (Jude). Since matter / body was evil / sin (not breaking the Law of God – I John 3:4), breaking the law had no moral consequences.

I Timothy Chapter 4

- **I Timothy 4:16** — “Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things...you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.”
 - God alone saves, but Christians can be God’s instruments / tools to bring about salvation of others.
 - Salvation is both an event and a process.
 - We enter into the process of Salvation at baptism and true repentance
 - We are being saved in the sense of being made more conformed to Jesus Christ’s image (I Corinthians 1:18)

Group Discussion



I Timothy Chapter 5

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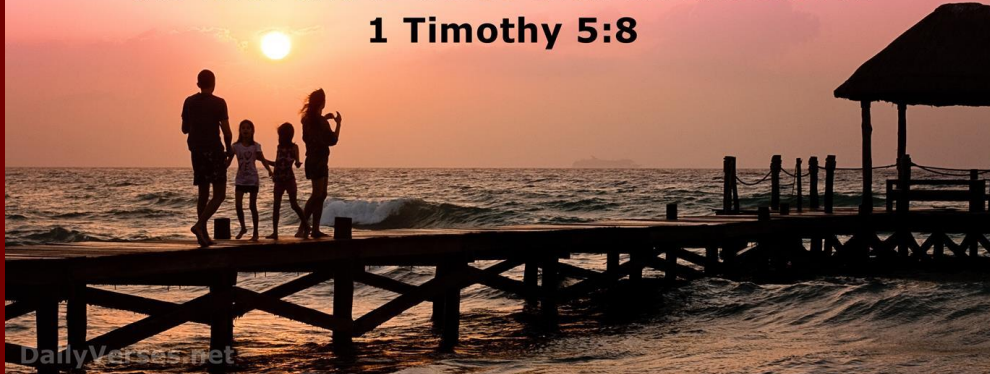
- 5 How to treat young and old (1, 2)
- Support of widows (3-16)
 - Providing for one's own household (8)
- Honor hardworking elders (17-25)
 - 'A little wine for your stomach' (23)

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

I Timothy 5:1-2 ESV
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Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8



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Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.

I Timothy 5:19-20



I Timothy

I Timothy Chapter 5

- **I Timothy 5:1-7** — “Do not sharply rebuke an older man...appeal to him as a father...to younger men as brothers...older women as mothers...younger women as sisters...”
 - Consider the members of the church as family members.
 - Respect is the consistent method of relating to people.
- **I Timothy 5:8** — “But if anyone does not provide for his own and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”
 - Responsibility to work and provide for the members of the family. Exhortation against laziness and lack of commitment.

I Timothy Chapter 5

- **I Timothy 5:20** — “Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning.”
 - Matthew 18:15-20.
- **I Timothy 5:22-25** — “Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily and thereby share responsibility for the sin of others; keep yourself free from sin.”
 - Ordination of an elder / overseer should not be performed, until the person has had time to prove himself in various circumstances and situations.
 - Be on the alert for hidden sin, as well as good deeds in the candidate for ordination.

Group Discussion



I Timothy Chapter 6

Outline of Contents

- 6 Slaves to honor their masters (1, 2)
- False teachers and love of money (3-10)
- Instructions for a man of God (11-16)
- Be rich in fine works (17-19)
- Guard your trust (20, 21)

TAKING HOLD OF WHAT IS TRULY LIFE



1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

But godliness with
contentment is great gain.

- 1 Timothy 6:6 -

1 Timothy 6:12

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Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

I Timothy Chapter 6

- **I Timothy 6:1-5** — “...If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree (come with) with sound words, those of Jesus Christ and with the doctrine of conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing...”
 - Reiteration of I Timothy 1:3-11 instructions regarding false teachers coming among the church.
- **I Timothy 6:6-21** — “But godliness is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment...”
 - Flee wandering from the faith.
 - Fight the good fight of faith.

Group Discussion

