

/We will begin the first lecture on 1 Timothy. /Today we will look at 1 Timothy chapter 1. /The author of this book is the apostle Paul. /It was recorded in AD 67. /1 Timothy is a pastoral letter.

/It teaches how to correctly lead a church. /It gives lessons on how the church should be. /It teaches how to protect God's church, /and correctly lead the sheep.

/Verses 1-2 teaches the duties and blessings given by the grace of God.

/Read verse 1. /Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

/It says, "God our Savior." /God our Savior means /that God completely planned the salvation of mankind. /God planned salvation /to save his people.

/God sent Jesus to this earth, /and the Holy Spirit worked in our hearts so that we may believe. /God is absolutely sovereign. /God's plans of salvation will never fail.

/God is omnipotent and therefore, his believers will most certainly be saved. /It also says, "Christ Jesus our hope." /We have been born through the sins of man, and therefore are hopeless beings.

/The One who came to give hope to hopeless people is Jesus. /Through Jesus, we have hope in heaven, /hope in eternal life, /and hope in resurrection. /We must not look towards the world, but look towards the Lord of salvation.

/The apostle Paul's occupation was decided by God. /Paul introduces himself saying that he became "an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God." /Paul did not become an apostle through people.

/He became an apostle through God's choice and sovereignty. /Why did God give Paul this occupation? /It was so that Paul would work for the gospel and for God. /God specially chose Paul so that he would preach the gospel to Gentiles.

/Because Paul's calling was given by God, his responsibilities were very important. /Today, we must believe that God called /all members in the church. /Those who hold duties in the church must consider God their owner.

/God gave duties to believers in the church so that they would live for the Lord, /die for the Lord, /and devote themselves to death for the Lord. /Paul gave Timothy, whom he loved, three blessings. /Timothy met a truly good teacher.

/Timothy was a servant whom Paul could trust. /We, servants of God, must be acknowledged by the leaders in the church. /From all of Paul's disciples, /Timothy was the one whom Paul trusted. /Timothy became Paul's son in the faith.

/Verse 2. /To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

/Paul introduces Timothy as his true son in the faith. /Paul blessed Timothy with three things. /First, Paul said that there would be grace. /This is the grace of the wonderful salvation, /the grace of forgiveness from sins, /and the blessed grace of becoming a child of God.

/It is by God's grace that we have been born as humans, /and God's grace that we have been saved through faith in Jesus. /I pray that this amazing grace of God would be on you, the church, and your family. /Paul's second blessing /was that there would be mercy.

/Paul blessed Timothy with an abundance of God's love. /Man is lacking, /yet, God had mercy on us and saved us, /allowed us to be his children, /and allowed us to manage God's great works.

/The third blessing was that there would be peace. /The world is a restless and insecure world due to its sins. /However, there is true peace in Jesus. /Those who live in Jesus are always at peace in their hearts and are joyful. /Therefore, I pray that there will be grace, mercy, and peace in the church and in your family.

/Verses 3-7 give warnings about incorrect teachings.

/Verse 3. /As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer

/Paul told Timothy to remain in Ephesus. /Why did God tell Timothy to remain in Ephesus? /There were wrongful teachings in the church of Ephesus. /Heretical ideas entered the church and deceived believers and made the church fall.

/Legalism entered the church, which said that believers must keep the laws. /It also claimed that mystical experiences were more important than the Word of God. /Today, leaders in the church are extremely important. /We must consider why God sent us to this place /just as God told Timothy to remain in Ephesus.

/God's true servants have the responsibility to /preserve the truth of God, /and protect the sheep. /They also have the responsibility to teach the truth and properly lead the members of the church. /Verse 4 is crucial.

/Verse 4. /nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work-- which is by faith.

/The believers began to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. /Myths did not come from God. /Myths are stories that were made up by man's reason.

/Also, they did not believe God in their hearts, /but they boasted that they were

descendants of Abraham. /These myths and genealogies were /made by man, not according to the will of God.

/In whatever we do, we must ask ourselves if it will benefit our faith. /We must also live according to the will of God. /We must live so that our virtues will benefit others.

/Verses 5-7 record the purpose of God's commands.

/Read verse 5. /The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

/What is the purpose of the command that God gave us? /First, it was so that we would have pure hearts. /The hearts of men are filled with detestable things. /Therefore, we must discover ourselves through the Word of God. /We believers must have clean hearts.

/The Lord rebukes, teaches, /and reveals our faults through the Word of God. /Our hearts are the temples of the Holy Spirit where the Holy Spirit dwells. /It is only when we become clean in our hearts that we can be filled with the Holy Spirit.

/God also said to have a good conscience. /Conscience is conscience that is directed by the Word, /directed by the Holy Spirit, /and directed by a spirit that is born again. /It is only with a good conscience that one can go before God.

/Today, there are many people in the church who do not use their consciences. /We must be restored of our consciences for us to believe God. /Third, the goal of this command was /that we may possess genuine love.

/How much of God's holy love is in our hearts? /We must love God first and foremost, /and love our neighbors, then we can become true servants of the Lord. /Then what happens to those who stray away from such commands and the Bible?

/Verse 6. /Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk.

/It is easy to turn from the truth of the Word of God and turn to meaningless talk. /Here, those who "have wandered away" /are those who have abandoned the truth, /and have wandered from the mark. /What types of people easily wander away from the truth?

/Those who are weak in their faith, /those who do not love the truth, /and those with souls that are not strong fall easily by temptations. /Then how do people who have wandered away from the Word of God live? /They fall into meaningless talk and wander around in the world.

/Instead of following the Word of God, they are washed away and shaken by the world. /Those who turn to meaningless talk also attempt to become teachers of the law. /Those who attempt to be teachers of the law are those who are prideful in their hearts.

/When those who do not believe in Jesus in their hearts acquire great knowledge, their hearts become prideful. /Those who abandon the truth do not know their true selves.

/Verse 7. /They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

/They want to be teachers of the law, /but they do not know what they are talking about. / Because they do not believe in Jesus /and have wandered away from the truth, /they cannot understand the truth of God. /Therefore, we must use the law for the good and must use it correctly.

/Verses 8-11 teaches /that the law must be used for the good.

/Verse 8. /We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.

/It says, “We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.” /The core of the law is love. /When the law is used incorrectly, it is easy to condemn and judge others. /Why did God give us the law?

/God gave us the law so that we would recognize our sins and that we would be directed towards Jesus. /We did not know we were sinners /until we saw that we were sinners through what was written in the law. /In order to solve the problem of sins, we must believe in Jesus.

/It is through the Bible that we can see how sinful the heart of man is. /In verse 9, the sins of man are written in detail.

/Verse 9. /We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers,

/The law was not made for the righteous, but for the lawbreakers. /Who are the lawbreakers today? /They are those who rebel against the law.

/To sin is to not believe in Jesus, /to go against the Word of God, /and be lacking even though one obeyed the Word of God. /To be ungodly is also to be a lawbreaker. /We must not pair up with the world but go forward by keeping our faith in God.

/To compromise with the world and leave God is to sin. /It also says, the “sinful.” /Not believing in Jesus is sin, /not obeying the Word of God is sin, /and to lack despite having obeyed is sin.

/It says, “the unholy.” /They are those who are not holy. /We believers must live apart from the world. /Our ungodliness is shown through the Word of God.

/It also says, the “irreligious.” /They are those who stand in the way of God, /and

dishonor the name of God. /The irreligious are those who use God's name carelessly without faith.

/It says, "those who kill their fathers or mothers." /The Law of Moses teaches /that one must honor his parents. /He ordered that anyone who disobeys his parents be put to death. /Today, there are people who do not know God who disobey their parents, not knowing that it is a sin.

/It says, the "murderers." /The Word of God says that to hate one's brother is also considered murder. /Verse 10 also records the sins of man.

/Verse 10. /for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers-- and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

/The sin of adultery today is serious and frightening. /To lust after someone in one's heart is to commit adultery in one's mind, /and to have physical relationships with someone other than one's spouse is to commit the sin of adultery. /To pair up with the world, even when one believes in Jesus, is to commit adultery with the world.

/Today, there are many who are perverse. /This refers to homosexuality. /It refers to the shameful acts between a man and another man, and a woman and another woman.

/It also says, the "slave traders." /This means to take children /or people and lock them up for one's own profit. /Those who lie are also lawbreakers before God. /God despises liars.

/Those who are of the devil lie. /God considers those who are faithful, precious, and he will be with them. /Perjury is also considered unlawful before God.

/Today, people commit perjury to fill their greed /and for their profit. /It also says, "whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine. /We must chase after the truth and then we can live blessed lives.

/Today, the world is corrupted, /the church is corrupted, /and the people of this generation go against the truth of God. /God is pleased with the church that properly teaches the Word of God, /and accepts and learns about the Word of God.

/Who did God give this valuable mission to? /God gave the mission to today's churches.

/Verse 11. /that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

/It says, "which he entrusted to me." /What did God entrust today's church leaders with? /God gave them his precious truth. /Therefore, we must preach this pure gospel.

/We must not compromise with the world and must become churches that preach God's Word just as it is. /What was the lesson that Paul taught? /He testified to the blessed God.

/God is the source of blessings, /he gives us blessings, /and he introduced Christ to us.

/The church must preach the glorious gospel. /There are so many people today who do not know God! /There are those who wander around in the world because they do not know the gospel. /We must preach the glorious gospel to these people.

/What is the greatest news one can receive in today's world? /It is the gospel. /When one accepts the gospel, /believes in the cross of Jesus and the resurrection, /and receives forgiveness of sins, /then he or she can become a child of God. /They will also enter eternal heaven and have eternal joy.

/What is the best occupation one can have today? /It is the job of preaching the gospel. /Who today will receive the greatest blessing? /They are those who believe in Jesus and have ownership in the kingdom of God. /This blessing is eternal, /and it will never go away.

/God gave this precious mission to Paul, /and he also gave it to today's churches and its leaders. /Verses 12-17 record Paul's testimony.

/Verse 12. /I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.

/Paul gave thanks to God. /How did Paul receive such a valuable occupation? /Paul confessed that it was through "Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength." /"Who has given me strength" means that God supplied Paul with abilities.

/God specially gave the apostle Paul abilities and courage. /God found Paul faithful and thus gave him the valuable occupation. /To have been found faithful means that /God trusted Paul, /and God acknowledged Paul.

/We must be faithful in the eyes of God. /We must be people who can be acknowledged by God. /Faithful people are /unchanging in their work for the Lord, /have a strong sense of responsibility, /and sacrifice themselves for the Lord.

/All occupations within the church are voluntary. /God entrusted these people with a valuable mission. /There are many occupations in this world, /but to work for God is most precious.

/There are many occupations within the church today. /Who gives these occupations? /God gave them their occupations. /For what purpose did God give these duties? /God gave them so that people could serve. /God gave them so that people would obey. /God gave them so that people would work for God.

/There are too many people who accept occupations but do not work but play. /When one doesn't devote himself to his duties, then it is easy to be abandoned by God. /What type of person was Paul before he took on the occupation?

/Verse 13. /Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

/Paul spoke about his past. /In the past he was a blasphemer, /a persecutor, /and a violent man. /He persecuted believers, /acted violently to destroy the church, /and was at the head in killing those who believed in Jesus.

/Why did Paul act in wickedness in the past? /Paul spoke of two things. /First, he confessed that he acted this way because he did not believe in Jesus.

/To not believe in Jesus is a great sin in itself, /but Paul persecuted the church because he did not believe in Jesus, /and took the lead in persecuting and killing believers of Jesus. /Why did Paul persecute the church?

/Paul confesses that he acted in ignorance. /He acted in this way because he did not know. /If Paul knew God and knew the truth, /would he have been a violent man and a persecutor?

/Today, there are many people in the church, who do not actually know God, who persecute the church. /Those who do not know heaven attack the church of the Lord. /Then how did Paul change and become a servant of God? /The answer is in verse 14.

/Verse 14. /The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

/Paul confesses that the change he experienced was by the grace of the Lord. /Today, we must receive the grace of the Lord to be faithful people. /One must personally meet the living Jesus in order to be changed. /Then how did Paul change after he met the Lord?

/First, he became a man of faith. /He believed that Jesus is the Messiah, /the Christ, /and the Son of God. /Today, the fact that we believe in Jesus is by God's amazing grace.

/Thus, faith is not found in everyone. /One must receive the gift of faith from God to believe in Jesus. /Paul also received the grace of God and became a faithful believer.

/He loved God with all his heart, /loved his brothers and sisters in Christ, /and loved each person's soul. /Because Paul loved the souls of people, he was able to put down his life and preach the gospel.

/Paul also became an apostle because he met the Lord and received grace. /In the past, Paul was a man who killed people, /but now he became a man who saved people.

/Paul gave up his life and was devoted to saving the lives of others. /Paul became a humble man after he met the Lord.

/Verse 15. /Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.

/It says, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." /Then Paul made the following confession. /"Of whom I am the worst." /Paul had a background that he could easily be proud of.

/He confessed after he met and received the grace of the Lord that /he was the worst of all sinners. /Believers who live in the grace of the Lord are always humble before God. /Verses 16-17 tell us why God showed Paul mercy.

/Verse 16. /But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

/It says, "Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience /as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life." /Just as Paul, who was a sinner and the worst of them, received salvation, /God will also save the sinful people today.

/Paul teaches that even if one committed sins in the past, /if he or she repents as Paul did, /and believe in Jesus, he or she can receive salvation. /Jesus did not come to call the righteous. /He came to call and save sinners.

/All chosen believers received hope that they could be saved /just like Paul, who was the worst of all sinners. /The Lord also had mercy on Paul /so that God would be glorified.

/Verse 17. /Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

/Paul praised God by saying, to "the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever." /We must praise God after knowing who God truly is. /God is the King of kings. /There are many kings in the world /but God is the King who reigns and governs over all kings.

/God is absolutely sovereign. /God is the Creator, /the Origin of life, /and is in control over everything in life. /We must sing praises to God.

/God will never disappear. /The things of this world will rot and disappear /yet, God was before eternity /and will be for eternity. /God is also not seen with the eyes. /Can we see air with our eyes?

/We can't see air with our eyes but we breathe it and live. /God is Spirit, and therefore, we cannot see him with our eyes. /God is the one and only God. /God is the one and only God. /There is not other god other than our God.

/God is the true God, /and he is alive today and in control over everything in creation. /We must sing praises and glorify this God. /Verses 18-20 teaches to fight the good fight.



/Verse 18. /Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight,

/Paul instructs Timothy, “fight the good fight.” /This means to fight the good fight with the Word of God. /Today, we are in a spiritual battle in this world. /We must fight the good fight and gain victory, and then God’s glory will be revealed.

/We must fight against lies, /against sin, /and against the devil. /We must fight the fallen world and gain victory. /What weapons do we have then when fighting the good fight? /Verse 19 speaks of two things.

/Verse 19. /holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.

/It says, to hold on to “faith and a good conscience.” /When we have true faith, we will receive great abilities. /Here, faith refers to faith in obeying the Word of God as it is.

/We need faith to defeat the world, /and gain victory in battle against sin. /There is nothing that believers cannot do. /We must also have a good conscience so that we can win the good fight.

/The moment we throw away our conscience, faith will leave us. /The good conscience comes from God, /and it is conscience that is controlled by the Word and the Holy Spirit. /If we throw away our conscience, our faith will leave us and we will fail.

/Those who throw away the good conscience are those who have wandered away from their faith. /Who are those who have wandered away from their faith?

/Verse 20. /Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

/Those who abandoned their faith were Hymenaeus and Alexander. /Those who threw away their consciences gave themselves up to Satan, and were forsaken. /Today, if one doesn’t use the good conscience, the devil will enter his heart and make him fall.

/Also, God will take disciplinary actions against those who throw away their faith and good conscience. /Why will God discipline them? /God will discipline them of their sins so that others would not be slandered by them.

/I pray that you will be a believer with faith and a good conscience, /and win in the good fight.

/Here we will conclude the first lecture on 1 Timothy. /Thank you.