

/We will now begin the eighth lecture on 1 Timothy. /At this time we will look at 1 Timothy 5:19-25. /Verses 19-20 teach us to protect the honor of leaders. /Today, leaders in the church are very important.

/Thus, the devil attempts to make leaders fall throughout every generation. /When one leader stands upright, the church can be upright. /Therefore, any misunderstandings about pastors must be taken care of with witnesses.

/Today in the church, there are those who attempt to make leaders fall by spreading false rumors. /Therefore, we must not accept any cases of accusations against leaders. /When leaders are shaken it is easy for the entire church to be shaken as well.

/Then how should we handle matters so that we could protect leaders? /Read verse 19. /Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.

/It says, do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. /This is to protect leaders from groundless accusations. /When people make accusations without any proof, we must not accept it.

/We must find two or three people as witnesses to the accusations against leaders. /No decisions are to be made from one person's accusations. /Sometimes, people entrap others and make them fall, /and it is easy for one to make subjective judgments about others.

/Is this person at fault? /We must find two or three witnesses. /It teaches that there must be two or three witnesses. /Next, it says to publicly rebuke those who sin.

/Verse 20. /Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.

/Why does it say to rebuke those who sin publicly? /It says to govern those who sin in sight of the entire church. /This must be done so that others may be given the opportunity to repent.

/"I too will be punished by God if I sin!" /Those who repent when others are punished and adjudged are those who are blessed. /One can examine himself through the adjudging of others.

/Am I without sin? /Do I have anything to be punished for? /Do I have anything that I feel guilty of? /One can find true freedom through such repentance. /Why does it say to rebuke sinners publicly?

/It is so that others would not sin. /When one person is disciplined for his sins, this can result in the prevention of the sins of others. /Why else does it say to rebuke sinners publicly? /It is for the churches' mission work.

/Today the church is a group of believers of Jesus. /God's church cannot tolerate sin.  
/God's church must be healthy. /God's church must preserve its purity.

/Churches today, where believers gather, are becoming more and more secularized.  
/Today the sins of the world are entering the church. /God is the God of love and  
impartiality. /We must govern issues regarding sin so that the church could preserve its  
purity.

/If the church becomes dirty and corrupted, God will judge. /God uses pure churches in  
every generation. /Today, each believer must be pure. /Church leaders must especially be  
pure.

/God valuably uses those who are pure. /Let's say you want to drink water. /There are  
several cups before you. /One cup is dirty, /another cup has smudges, /and another cup is  
clean.

/Which cup would you want to drink water out of? /People use clean cups to drink water  
out of. /Today, God uses clean people and uses them valuably. /When sins in the church  
are governed, the church can maintain its purity.

/How many of God's servants today live clean lives? /God's leaders must especially be  
clean of materials. /The moment that greed for materials enters one's heart, he will begin  
to become corrupted.

/Judas Iscariot loved money and fell when the devil entered his heart. /When one is filled  
with greed, he will be ruined. /Also, church leaders must be clean of their relationships  
with the opposite gender.

/Everyone! Take a look at Samson. /Samson was a man with abilities, yet, he fell to the  
test of the opposite gender and eventually had his eyes gouged out. /Therefore, men must  
be absolutely clean concerning younger women. /God's servants must also throw away  
greed for honor.

/Pastors must always be in the positions of servants, and their lifestyles must glorify God.  
/When greed enters their hearts, they will begin to sin and become corrupted. /James 1:15  
says, /"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-  
grown, gives birth to death."

/We must fight against sin before it gets bigger, and we must win so that we would sin no  
longer. /Our God strictly punishes sins. /We must fear God and rid ourselves of sins, and  
we must strive to live clean lives. /Next, verse 21 says, do nothing out of favoritism.

/Verse 21. /I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep  
these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.

/It says, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality. /It says, “do nothing out of favoritism.” /God is an unbiased God.

/Today people favor others and purge others according to their thoughts. /However, God judges impartially of good and evil. /Those who are good will receive praises and blessings from God, /and those who are evil will receive judgment from God.

/The cross of the Lord clearly portrays God’s impartiality and love. /The Lord died on the cross to satisfy God’s impartiality. /Jesus carried the sins of humanity and received punishment on the cross.

/Thus, the cross displayed God’s impartiality. /The cross also clearly displayed God’s love. /The highest point of Jesus’ love for us was the cross. /His love was not love without actions.

/The Lord clearly showed His love for us on the cross to save us from our sins. /Therefore, love and impartiality in the church must not disappear. /The church must be full of the Lord’s love, /and must be a church that stands with God’s impartiality.

/In order for God’s impartiality to stand in the church, /we must not be bound by empathy or our emotions. /How did God take care of our sins? /We must judge everything through God’s perspective.

/God said, do not show favoritism. /God will judge when impartiality in this world is no more. /In Jeremiah 5:1, /Judah had become corrupted. /God said that he would forgive the city if Jeremiah could find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth.

/However, there was no one who was honest and therefore, God brought judgment upon the people. /The chief priests judged by accepting bribes, /and they blessed people after receiving bribes. /In this way, if leaders and nations become corrupted, God will bring judgment upon them.

/Verse 21 says, /we must not defy God’s commands. /It says, I charge you. /We will stand before the Lord at the time of judgment. /All who believe in Jesus will enter heaven. /Our rewards will differ according to how each of us lived on earth.

/When church leaders stand before the Lord, what will the Lord say? /Some will be rebuked by the Lord, /and some will be praised by the Lord. /Through verse 21, /we must become people who will not be rebuked by the Lord, but complimented by Him.

/Verses 22-25 speak of personal maintenance of leaders. /Leaders must take good care of themselves. /Today, there are many who fall because they fail to take care of themselves. /We are engaged in an unending spiritual battle.

/We must triumph in the spiritual battle so that we can protect our souls, /manage the

calling God has bestowed onto us, /and properly lead God's people. /How are we to take care of ourselves as leaders?

/Verse 22. /Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

/What is the first thing we must do as leaders? /We must have spiritual qualities and a calling. /Do I have a calling from God?

/Here it says, do not be hasty in the laying on of hands. /The laying on of hands is a public acknowledgment of one's opportunity to use his spiritual gift. /This is a calling. /Did God really call me? /Did God choose and call me?

/Only those who are certain of their calling must do the work of the Lord. /When those who have not been called do the work of the Lord, /it will be difficult for them, /their families, /and the believers in the church. /Those who are certain of their calling /put God's work first before theirs.

/They never forget who is of first priority in their lives. /They put God's work first before their personal work. /They put away their greed and worry for the kingdom of God and the church. /John the Baptist made this confession.

/"He must become greater; I must become less." /Even if John were to face contempt and disdain by others, he wanted to put God's work first. /Whoever wants God's church to flourish, even if he faces personal harm, is one who has a true calling.

/Whoever has a calling must sacrifice everything for the Lord. /Those who have a calling must put the Lord's work first. /Those who have a calling must be faithful and obedient to God even if they need to make sacrifices.

/The apostle Paul always examined himself about his calling. /"I did not become an apostle for people, but for God." /He confessed in Romans 14:8.

/"If we live, we live to the Lord; /and if we die, we die to the Lord. /So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." /Only those with a sure calling like this can lay their lives down and work for the Lord. /Those who have this calling are faithful to the work God has entrusted them with.

/Even if they are scorned upon by others, they work hard for their calling. /Those with the calling also sincerely love the souls of others. /They consider each person valuable and loves them.

/Sometimes, they sacrifice their lives for one person's soul. /Jesus asked Peter three questions. /"Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" /Peter thought about his love for the Lord.

/Why did the Lord ask Peter if he loved Him? /Only those who love the Lord can surrender their lives for the Lord and be faithful. /If one works without a calling, he will do the work of the Lord /and then love money and chase after riches.

/If we love the world more than the Lord, we will chase after the world. /If we love pleasures more than the Lord, we will fall to hedonism. /There are many people in this generation who love themselves more than the Lord. /There are many who love money /and work to fill their greed.

/Therefore, leaders must have spiritual qualifications /and must be sure of their calling. /Second, leaders must not be hasty in the laying on of hands. /Today, the choosing of God's servants is precious.

/If corrupt leaders are chosen then the one who chose him is responsible. /If I lay my hands on those who are not qualified, the responsibility will return to me. /Today, the church has fallen and pastors lay their hands on anyone.

/When we ordain pastors, we must do so with fearful hearts. /I must first repent to God and ask for forgiveness, and my spirit must be clean in order for me to ordain others. /We must be cautious and must please God when we lay our hands on others so that God may be glorified.

/Third, verse 22 says, keep yourself pure. /We must always protect ourselves. /Today there are many evil spirits that lurk around in order to tempt us. /The devil tempts us /and the world tempts us.

/Sin tempts us. /If we don't protect ourselves daily, we can be tempted by anything. /If Joseph fell to the temptation of Potiphar's wife, would he have been able to be a prime minister?

/Joseph was a man who lived before God. /"How could I sin before God?" /We must protect ourselves every day, overcome temptations, and live pure lives. /We must be pure in order to wait upon the Lord.

/We must be spiritually pure so that we may have spiritual discernment. /We must be spiritually pure so that we can look upon the Lord. /Our hearts must always be pure.

/1 Corinthians 3:16 says, /"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" /"If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him." /Our hearts are the temple where the Holy Spirit dwells.

/Our hearts must be clean so that the Holy Spirit may live in us. /The hearts of God's servants must be clean so that we may receive the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. /Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

/Our hearts must be clean to receive the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, /to have the Holy

Spirit in our hearts, /to be used greatly by God, /and receive blessings. /Thus, the apostle Paul asked of Timothy.

/“Timothy my true son in the faith, /have a good conscience and a sincere faith.” /“Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk.” /We must live pure lives, and must have nothing to hide in our consciences.

/We must follow after the good conscience, /and must repent if there is anything we feel guilty of. /We must become holier /and become purer. /We must live pure lives that are worthy to be acknowledged by God.

/We must protect ourselves so that we would not fall to any temptations. /Today, protecting oneself means to protect one’s heart. /Why must we protect our hearts? /People act according to what is in their hearts.

/If there is good in one’s heart, he acts and speaks words of goodness. /If there is evil in one’s heart, he acts and speaks words of evil. /We must protect our hearts first and foremost so that evil does not enter our hearts.

/God looks at the center of our hearts. /How beautiful is my heart when the Lord sees me? /Today people of the world see and judge others according to their outer appearance. /Our God knows each of our hearts. /Our hearts must not only be pure but we must live truthfully.

/Lies are of the devil, /and truthfulness is of God. /There is the good conscience in our hearts. /True believers /must live in truthfulness. /Truthfulness is life, /and truthfulness is the leaders’ ability.

/When one has true love that is worthy to be acknowledged by God, God will then greatly use him. /The world is filled with lies. /The world deceives others. /Though others may be fooled by my lies, /I cannot deceive my conscience, and I cannot deceive God.

/Today, the most important thing leaders must do is to protect themselves. /“Keep yourself pure.” /Fourth, it says to protect your health.

/Verse 23. /Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

/It says, “Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.” /Timothy suffered from stomach problems and used wine as medicine. /Leaders must be healthy.

/Jesus wants us to be healthy. /We must take care of our physical health. /We must be healthy to evangelize, /be healthy to serve diligently, /be healthy to preach God’s Word, /and be healthy to be faithful to our prayer lives.

/Not only must we be physically healthy, but our hearts must be healthy as well. /If our hearts are not healthy, it becomes easy for us to hurt others. /We must be spiritually healthy so that we can properly lead others.

/Those who are ill in heart can easily hurt others, let alone heal others. /We must be spiritually healthy as well. /If our faith becomes ill, we will have negative influences on others.

/Thus, when mothers breastfeed their children, /the mothers must first eat well and be healthy so that the children may grow healthily. /There are many people in the church who are spiritually ill.

/There are those who are emotional in their faith, /those who are too knowledgeable, /and those who pursue mysticism. /All these people must be healed by God's healthy Word.

/We must eat the daily food of God's Word so that our spirits and bodies may be healthy. /Take a look at Jesus' growth. /Luke 2 says /Jesus sat in the temple, listened to the teachers, and asked them questions.

/Jesus grew with stability. /Jesus grew in height and in physicality, /and He grew charmingly before God and before others. /Jesus grew healthily in physicality, /and grew healthily in knowledge.

/To be charming before God and before people /means to grow healthily both spiritually and socially. /Today the church must be healthy. /Acts 2 says, /the early church grew healthily.

/The early church received the teachings of the apostles and learned the Word of God, /devoted themselves to prayer, /loved their brothers, /were passionate in worship, /and were faithful in gathering in God's name.

/Therefore, they were complimented by all believers. /Because of them, the number of believers grew and the church saw revival. /The leader must first be healthy. /Then the church can be healthy.

/A healthy mother gives birth to a healthy child. /Today the church must be healthy so that it would give birth to healthy spiritual children and grow daily. /We as leader must examine the church's spiritual condition on a daily basis.

/Am I healthy today? /Is the church healthy today? /If the church becomes ill and cannot grow, the believers will get hurt. /Timothy suffered from stomach problems.

/Because it says here to use wine, some believe that it is okay to drink wine. /At the time, there was no medicine and hence, people used wine as medicine. /Now that there are many remedies for illnesses, we must pray and use medicine to heal illnesses.

/There are some illnesses that can be healed with prayer, /and there are illnesses that are healed through medicine. /It is wrong for us to want to be healed through prayer alone without intake of medicine, /and it is wrong to want to be healed through medicine alone without prayer.

/We must use medicine and pray. /There are also illnesses that are healed through prayer alone. /Here, Paul tells Timothy to use medicine and pray. /Fifth, it says that leaders are to live good lives.

/Read verses 24-25. /The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them. In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden.

/Good and evil are obvious and thus, leaders must do good. /Verse 24 says, “The sins of some men are obvious.” /God judges each generation according to their sins.

/Verse 24 says, “reaching the place of judgment ahead of them.” /God judges each generation according to their sins. /It says, “the sins of others trail behind them.” /There are those whose sins have not yet become obvious.

/Why did God keep their sins from becoming seen? /This is because God is giving them the opportunity to repent. /If God judged immediately when people sinned, there would be no one left alive.

/Even though people sin, God does not want them to be ruined. /God wants them to repent and return to him. /Therefore, those who discover their sins and repent will be blessed.

/There are those who are bold when they sin because God is still. /Sinning is shameful, yet, some consider their sinful acts to be glorious. /However, God judges man when his bowl of sins becomes full.

/There is no one on earth who is without sin. /However, we must discover our sins through the Word of God and we must repent. /We must repent when the Holy Spirit points out and reproves our sins.

/When we feel guilt in our consciences, we must repent so that we would avoid God’s judgment. /We must use our consciences so that we can continuously be reproved. /Those who do not use their consciences become numb and cannot perceive their sins.

/God gives us the opportunity to repent. /It says that the good deeds of leaders are obvious. /If church leaders today sin heavily, they will hurt many others.

/If the pastor falls, /he will cover the glory of God /and hurt many others, /and the gospel will be hindered. /Therefore, everyone must discover their sins, repent, /and live pure lives.



/The leaders must have good hearts and be faithful in doing God's work.

/Today, we must become good workers and give glory to God, /and I pray that you will be leaders in the church who lead many souls down the right path.

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