

Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

Session 48: The Pauline Pastoral Epistles

Remember Acts 17:11

The New Testament:

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The Pauline (Pastoral) Epistles:

1st & 2nd Timothy & Titus

Ecclesiology & Servant Leadership:

- God's Structure & Provision for
 - o The Fellowship & Discipleship of the Church
 - o The Qualifications of Church Leadership
 - o The Defending of the Church's Testimony
- Respect & Honoring
 - o The Position of the Pastor
 - o The Responsibility of the Pastor
 - o The Call of the Pastor

Historical Characteristics of the Local Church:

- Established by Evangelism to New Disciples
 - o (Apostle) Evangelist Who Would Mentor Others
 - o (Overseer) Pastors: Mentoring Other Pastors
 - o (Elder) Pastors: Home Church Teachers of Scripture & Doctrine
 - o Deacons: Manage & Distribute Physical Assistance
- Primarily Local (City or District-Wide)
- No Political Entanglements
- Voluntary Missionary Engagements
- Authority Originates in Christ
- No Mandated External Hierarchy (Spiritual/Relational)

The Ministries of the Local Church:

Ministry: "What we do in service to/for..."

Ministry to God:	Worship
Ministry to Each Other:	Discipleship & Fellowship
Ministry to the Suffering:	Missions
Ministry to the Lost:	Evangelism

Church Authority:

Built on Service & Mentorship

- Concept-Action-Reflection Education Model
- Pastor (Overseer/Elder) Reflects Christ & Disciples
 - o Master Teacher Empowering Others to Minister
 - o Disciplinarian When Needed
 - o Mentor of Christian Living

“As I am doing, do likewise...”

- Deacons (Lit: Servants) Reflect Christ’s Immediate Disciples
 - o Serve Physical & Immediate Spiritual Needs
 - o Act as Moderators of Conflict & Providers of Hospitality
 - o Mentors to the Younger in the Faith
- Congregation Reflects the Crowds
 - o Grow Through Engaging in Ministry
 - o Worship-Instruction-Service-Evangelism

Timothy (c. 30-97AD):

“Honoring God”

- From Lystra (Asia Minor)
 - o Jewish Mother & Greek Father
 - o Grandmother Lois & Mother Eunice Converted
 - o Highly Knowledgeable in the Scriptures (1 Cor. 16:10)
- Became Paul’s Disciple During 2nd Missionary Journey
 - o Ministered Alongside Silas in Macedonia
 - o Also in Berea, Thessalonica, & Corinth
 - o Mild & Reserved Nature (1 Cor. 16:10)
 - o Often Sent by Paul to Check on Church Progress
 - o With Paul in Corinth While Romans was Written
 - Also, 2 Cor., Phil., Col., 1st & 2nd Thes., & Philem.
- Appointed By Paul to Settle Disputes in Ephesus (64AD)
 - o Jailed/Release Pending During the Writing of Hebrews (Heb. 13:23)
 - o Trad. Remains as Pastor Until His Death

I Timothy:

- Follow Up Letter of Instruction on Maintaining the Discipleship of Ephesus
- Theological Divisions Among the Local Leaders
 - o Rise of Gnosticism & Infiltration of Judaizes

Outline:

Timothy's Charge as Overseer	1
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Ephesus' Charge to Good Doctrine & Practice	4-6:10
Timothy's Charge as Pastor	6:11-21

Timothy's Charge as Overseer (Ch. 1):

- Charge to Confront False Doctrines
 - o Teachers Against Physical Creation
 - Hallmark of Christian Gnosticism
 - Distortion of Torah
 - Ex: Against Eating Meat & Marriage
 - o Doctrinal Divisions in the Church
 - Symptoms of False Doctrine
 - Torah Proves Humanity's Sinful & Helpless Condition
 - Sound Doctrine Points to Christ
 - The Gospel Calls to Repentance
 - Sanctification Inspires Agape
 - Increase in the Fruit of the Spirit
 - Promotes Unity Through Christlikeness
 - o Concluding Psalm of Praise (1:17)
 - Remove the False Teachers from Their Position

Ephesus' Charge to Shalom (2-3):

- Pray Often for Your Leaders & the Peace of the City
 - o Establishes an Environment for Evangelism
- Work for the Peace & Enlightenment of All
 - o Community Peace Evidences the Work of God
 - o Peace in the Church Evidences Christ
- Social Impact of Corrupt Doctrine
 - o Men of the Church Quarreling & Struggling for Position, Prominence, & Financial Gain
 - o Women of the Church Lobbying for Position by Displaying Wealth & Pride
 - Perusing Positions of Power (2:12)
Trans: over a man. Vs. Over her husband.
 - Proclaiming False Doctrine
 - Eve as Example of Being Deceived
 - Should Repent & Be Properly Disciplined

Timothy's Charge as Pastor (6:11-21):

- Confront False Doctrine & Uncalled Teachers
 - o Reject the Temptation to Unchristian Gain
- Teach Others to Remember Contentment & Simple Living
 - o Do Not Put Your Hope in Wealth
 - o Devote Yourselves & Possessions to God
 - o Be Rich in Good Deeds

II Timothy:

- Chronically Paul's Final Epistle
 - o Written During Paul's Final Imprisonment
 - o Request For Timothy to Come Before Execution

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Remember Your Calling	1:1-2:13
Charge to Remove Corrupt Leaders	2:14-4:5
Personal Conclusion	4:6-22

Remember Your Calling (1:1-2:13):

- Thanking God for Timothy & His Family
- Reject All Temptation to be Ashamed of the Gospel
- Sacrifice & Persecution are a Part of the Christian Life
- Examples of Sacrificial Service to Christ
 - o A Soldier's Faithfulness
 - o An Athlete's Discipline
 - o A Farmer's Dedication
 - o Jesus's Sacrificial Love
 - o Paul's Perseverance in Suffering
- Our Future Hope is Worth All the Ills of This Life (2:11-13)

Charge to Remove Corrupt Leaders (2:14-4:5):

- Gnosticism
 - o Resurrection Has Already Taken Place (2:18)
 - Resurrection Life Not Literal Resurrection
 - Physical=Bad, Spiritual=Good
 - Rejection of Bodily Resurrection
 - Abandoned Hope of the Day of the Lord
 - Doctrine Disconnected from Daily Living
 - Faith is an Internal & Private Matter
- Appoint Faithful Teachers with Sound Doctrine
 - o Focus on the Scriptures (Gospel)
 - o All Scripture is God Breathed (3:15-17)

Personal Conclusion (4:6-22):

- Paul's Departure is Coming Near
 - o Bring my Cloak (Come before winter)
 - o Bring my Scrolls & Parchments
 - o Beware of Alexander the Metal Worker
 - Worshipper of Dianna
 - o Paul is Abandoned by Everyone But Christ
 - o Jesus' Love Becomes its Most Pronounced in Our Darkest Times

Titus (c. ?-96AD):

"Nurse"

- Born of Greek Descent from Crete
- Converted by Paul & Mentored in Pastoral Leadership
 - o Served as Scribe
- Sent to Minister to Corinth After I Corinthians
 - o Carried 2nd Corinthians
 - o Raised Relief Aid for the Jerusalem Famine
- Returned to Crete to Assist in Organizing Churches

Epistle to Titus:

- Sent to Crete to Restore Order
 - o Local Culture Reinforced Dishonesty
 - o "Cretan" = Liar
 - o Home to Many Mercenaries
 - o Reputation for Violence & Debauchery
 - o Church Leadership Mirrored Local Culture

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Initial Greetings (1:1-4):

- Paul's Credential As an Apostle
- Our Hope in Everlasting Life
- Witness of God's Faithfulness
 - o "God who does not lie..." (Zeus Does)

Instructions for Mission (1:5-16):

- Appoint New Elders
 - o Mature Heads of Families
 - o Testimony of Integrity, Hospitality, Self-Control
 - o Able to Teach Sound Doctrine
- Confront Corrupt Leaders
 - o Jewish Converts Still Insisting on Torah Adherence
 - o Motivated by Financial Gain (Cf. 1:16)

The Christian Household (Ch. 2):

- Teach the Church to Live the Faith
 - o God's Word is Vindicated (Not Discredited)
 - o People Have Nothing Bad to Say
 - o Attract Others to the Gospel
- The Family
 - o Elders Model Virtuous Living
 - o Women & Men are Committed & Nurturing
 - o Slaves are Treated as Equals & Respect Others
 - o Culture is Changed by Changing Individual Hearts Not Upheaval
 - o The Christian Life is Based on Reflecting God's Grace in Public & Private

A Redeemed Society (Ch. 3):

- Known Publicly as the Greatest Type of Neighbor
 - o Examples of Righteousness & Compassion
 - o Psalm of Transformative Change (3:4-7)
 - o By Your Example, Others will Know Christ

Philemon (A Personal Letter):

- Prison Epistle (Shortest of Paul's Works)
- Ethical Treatise on Human Worth & Relationships
- Philemon: Wealthy Christian Convert in Colossae "One who kisses"
 - o Leader of a House Church
- Onesimus: Slave to Philemon "Profitable"
 - o Wronged Philemon (Unknown)
 - o Ran Away & Came to Paul in Prison
 - o Assists Paul
 - o Paul Recognizes to Recognize the Two Men

