



# 1 TIMOTHY

## STUDY GUIDE

WEEKS 1-4

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# INTRODUCTION

As a church, we want to be people marked by God's Word. For only in His Word do we find the death-defying, hope-giving good news of Jesus. In His Word, we see an invitation to a way of life that is overflowing with joy, peace, and love not only in the life to come but in the here and now.

Because of this, we want to put every effort into making us into Word-marked people. We do this by preaching the Bible on Sundays, bringing it into our lives throughout the week in our LifeGroups, and creating resources to help you abide with Jesus regularly.

One of those resources is this 1 Timothy Bible Study Reading Plan. In this e-book, you'll find the book broken down into smaller passages to help you slowly take in what we're going through on Sundays. Along with that, we'll be studying other passages in the Bible that connect with the bigger ideas in 1 Timothy throughout the week.

During this 1 Timothy series, we'll be practicing *inductive Bible study* to help us unpack and take in God's Word. You can find a guide on how to use this tool on page 2. As we practice this together, we encourage you to print out this guide to better help you mark up the passages each day with your notes and observations.

We also want this series to move us to prayer. On page 5 you'll see a Prayer Guide with different prayer prompts for each day of the week.

It's our hope and prayer that in this, God will use our time in His Word to shape us by His Spirit to make us look more like Jesus.

# INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

As God's people, we want to be guided by His Word and empowered by His Spirit to be a Jesus-centered family on mission. And while no one expects us to all be seminary professors or in full-time ministry, we are expected to be in God's Word regularly (Psalm 1). When we do, God uses that to slowly make us more and more like Him.

Inductive Bible study is one way we do this. Just like regular Bible reading or [lectio divina](#), it involves three main steps: read, reflect, and respond with questions to ask yourself for each step. As you work through this, you'll notice the similarities and differences between inductive Bible study and lectio divina. Whereas lectio divina relies more on reading a passage meditatively with our hearts, inductive Bible study relies more on reading a passage methodically with our minds, and as followers of Jesus, we want both. As Bible teacher Jen Wilkin puts it, "The heart cannot love what the mind does not know...If we want to feel deeply about God, we must learn to think deeply about God."

## READ (COMPREHENSION) WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?

Studying the Bible begins by first carving out time, sitting down, and thoroughly reading the passage. While this sounds simple enough, there are often many barriers that keep us from studying the Bible - time management, lack of focus, lack of sleep, etc. So as you begin, find a quiet place (ideally not a coffee shop), that is free from distractions (ideally not in the same room as your TV or other screens), where you can be alert (ideally not in your bed), at a time when you can be alert (ideally not as you're about to fall asleep). If you're in a LifeGroup, consider holding each other accountable by scheduling a time each day where everyone in your group will study the Bible together - for example, one of our LifeGroups makes a conference call to each other every morning at 6am to pray and remind themselves to study their Bibles!

Below are some helpful steps to comprehend a passage:

- **Look at the context** - Imagine how frustrating it would be to watch a movie clip with no context whatsoever on the plot or characters - and yet we do that so often with our Bibles! So to help us unpack what a passage means we need to know some background information. (To make it even easier, The Bible Project has broken down the context for every book in the [Old Testament](#) and [New Testament](#).)

Below are some questions to ask:

- What's the genre of this passage?
- Who's speaking? Who's the audience?
- What's the historical context?
- Why was this written?

**Print out the passage** - have a physical copy of what you're studying so you can underline, circle, and mark up your thoughts. To do this, simply copy/paste from [BibleGateway.com](#) onto a blank document, making sure your printout is double-spaced with plenty of room in the margins for your notes. You can also purchase one of [Crossway's](#) Bible journals to write down your notes.

- **Use different translations** - Reading from different translations helps you encounter a passage afresh and can help clarify any questions you have with the text. ([BibleGateway.com](#) offers an "Add parallel" feature where you can compare up to five translations back-to-back. To start out we'd recommend comparing a passage against the ESV, NIV, CSB, and NIV translations.)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For more on this, check out our resource ["How Bible Translations Work"](#) over at [FollowingJesusTogether.com](#)

## REFLECT (INTERPRETATION)

### WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?

Once you've comprehended a passage, it's time to do the hard work of interpretation. We don't want to import our own biases and have the passage say something it doesn't (eisegesis), rather we want to discover how the original audience of the passage would have received it (exegesis).

Below are some helpful ways to get started:

- **Take notes** - Ask lots of questions and mark up your passage, you can either give special markings to your notes or use a color-coding system, whichever works best for you. Those questions include:
  - Certain words, phrases, ideas repeated?
  - Is there a particular attribute of God illustrated or celebrated?
  - Does the text make several points in a row? (If so, number them on your printout)
  - Are there words you don't understand? (Put a question mark on there and look up later)
  - Are there key transition words? "Therefore" "and so" (Draw arrows to them)
  - Is there a confusing idea? (Write out your questions)
- **Paraphrase the passage in your own words** - writing down the passage in your words helps us better engage the text as we ask the Spirit to engage us.
- **Look up cross-references** - all Scripture is breathed out by God. Because of this, we use Scripture to interpret Scripture. When we encounter difficult passages, we use easier to understand passages to shed light on the harder ones (this is known as "the analogy of faith"). If there are any words that are confusing, [Blue Letter Bible](#) is a great free resource to use.
- **Consult commentaries** - Commentaries are like crutches. They can be helpful assistance, but the aim is not to grow too dependent on them. The aim is to learn how to equip yourself so you, in turn, can equip others (Eph 4:11-16). A great go-to is John Piper's [Desiring God resource page](#) where he's broken down nearly the entire Bible by book, chapter, and verse. Along with that, he has an incredibly helpful video series called "[Look in the Book](#)" where he breaks down how he studies the Bible. Also, [The ESV Study Bible](#) is also a wonderful mini-commentary to get you started.

## RESPOND (APPLICATION)

### WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN FOR ME NOW?

It's not enough to simply study the Bible for spiritual information. We want to study the Bible for our spiritual transformation. As James 1:22 says, we want to be doers of the word, and not hearers only. At the same time, right application is based on right interpretation. Both go hand-in-hand. If you haven't done the proper work of Bible interpretation, your application will be off too.

Those application questions include:

- **What does this passage teach me about God? How does this aspect of God's character change my view of self?**
- **What's this passage calling me to do today?**
- **What's this passage calling me to pray for today?**

Once you've written down these answers, this becomes your prayer time. Spend some time focusing on what God has brought to your attention as well as attributes of who He is and who you are in light of that. Confess and repent where you need to. Ask the Spirit to work in you to do what the passage is commanding you to do.

As you wrap up your time, pick one thing from your study today that you can "write on your heart" to reflect on (Psalm 119:11). You may want to write it down somewhere visible or memorize it. Ask God how you might encourage someone with what you learned and reach out to them right away. Reach out to your LifeGroup what you learned about this morning. At the end of the day, write down any insights as you meditated on the Scripture.

It's important to remember, studying the Bible is a life-long process. But it's this very process that Jesus uses to shape us and form us into being made more like Him.

For Bible study plans and more resources on being with Jesus, make sure to check out our [Abide](#) page at [FollowingJesusTogether.com](http://FollowingJesusTogether.com)

# PRAYER GUIDE

## **1 Timothy 2:1**

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people”*

When followers of Jesus pray for God’s kingdom to come, the Spirit answers. So as a church family, we will be praying in specific ways for each day of the week, as we ask Jesus to work in and through this series:

### **Monday**

Pray for our church to be a “pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). Pray that we would defend and cling to right doctrine which would lead to right hearts that produce in us right love for God and for others.

### **Tuesday**

Pray for needs within our church right now - those in your Lifegroup or others - who are struggling. Pray that they would draw near to God in this season.

### **Wednesday**

Pray for our church family to fight for spiritual health and maturity. Pray that we would all “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching” (1 Tim 4:16) and “fight the good fight of faith” (1 Tim 6:12).

### **Thursday**

Pray for the leadership in our church - for the elders/pastors, coaches, LifeGroup leaders, directors and others who serve in various ministries. Pray that they would draw near to God and that he would sustain them with wisdom and joy as they lead.

### **Friday**

Pray for Citizens Church Charlotte. For all of the logistical details - jobs, housing, etc. For them to experience unity as a new church plant. Pray that the core team members would grow in their walks with the Lord and that people in Charlotte would come to know and love Jesus through Citizens Church.

### **Saturday**

Pray for tomorrow’s Gathering - that whether we are together or apart, we would experience unity as a church family. Pray that we would be engaged with worship and the teaching of God’s Word. Pray that God would speak to us through conviction or encouragement.

### **Sunday**

Pray for you and our church family to Sabbath well today. Pray that we take the time to stop our work, get physical rest, delight in God’s good gifts, and worship Jesus together.

## WEEK 1

DOCTRINE/TEACHING/STUDY SHOULD LEAD TO LOVE, NOT  
MEANINGLESS TALK.

## MONDAY, APRIL 20 - ACTS 16

In 1 Timothy 1:2, Paul calls Timothy his “true child in the faith.” Today we’re studying this passage to see how Paul meets Timothy, and invites him to come alongside him in his missionary journeys. This is the beginning of Timothy becoming Paul’s “true child in the faith”.

**Acts 16**

*Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup> He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup> Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. <sup>4</sup> As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.*

*<sup>6</sup> And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup> And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. <sup>8</sup> So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

*<sup>11</sup> So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.*

*<sup>16</sup> As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” <sup>18</sup> And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.*

*<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. <sup>20</sup> And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. <sup>21</sup> They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. <sup>23</sup> And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. <sup>24</sup> Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.*

*<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, <sup>26</sup> and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When*

the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” <sup>29</sup> And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup> And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. <sup>34</sup> Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

<sup>35</sup> But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, “Let those men go.” <sup>36</sup> And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace.” <sup>37</sup> But Paul said to them, “They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out.” <sup>38</sup> The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. <sup>39</sup> So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. <sup>40</sup> So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

**INDUCTIVE STUDY - steps can be found on p. 2**

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What does the text say? [Click within the box to type](#)

**REFLECT - INTERPRETATION**

What does the text mean? [Click within the box to type](#)

**RESPOND - APPLICATION**

What does the text mean for me now? [Click within the box to type](#)

## TUESDAY, APRIL 21 - ACTS 18-19

In 1 Timothy 1:3, Paul urges Timothy to stay and pastor well at Ephesus. Today we're studying this passage to see how the church at Ephesus was planted through unlikely circumstances and unlikely means.

### Acts 18-19

*After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, <sup>3</sup> and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup> And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.*

*<sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." <sup>7</sup> And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup> Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." <sup>11</sup> And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.*

*<sup>12</sup> But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, <sup>13</sup> saying, "This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law." <sup>14</sup> But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. <sup>15</sup> But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things." <sup>16</sup> And he drove them from the tribunal. <sup>17</sup> And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.*

*<sup>18</sup> After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. <sup>19</sup> And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. <sup>20</sup> When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. <sup>21</sup> But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.*

*<sup>22</sup> When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.*

*<sup>24</sup> Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup> He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. <sup>27</sup> And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, <sup>28</sup> for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.*

*<sup>1</sup> And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup> And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands on*

them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

<sup>8</sup> And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. <sup>9</sup> But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. <sup>10</sup> This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

<sup>11</sup> And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. <sup>13</sup> Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. <sup>15</sup> But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" <sup>16</sup> And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup> And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. <sup>18</sup> Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. <sup>19</sup> And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. <sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

<sup>21</sup> Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." <sup>22</sup> And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

<sup>23</sup> About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. <sup>24</sup> For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. <sup>25</sup> These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. <sup>26</sup> And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. <sup>27</sup> And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship."

<sup>28</sup> When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" <sup>29</sup> So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel. <sup>30</sup> But when Paul wished to go in among the crowd, the disciples would not let him. <sup>31</sup> And even some of the Asiarchs, who were friends of his, sent to him and were urging him not to venture into the theater. <sup>32</sup> Now some cried out one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. <sup>33</sup> Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the crowd. <sup>34</sup> But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

<sup>35</sup> And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky? <sup>36</sup> Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. <sup>37</sup> For you have brought these men here who are neither sacrilegious nor blasphemers of our goddess. <sup>38</sup> If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. <sup>39</sup> But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. <sup>40</sup> For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." <sup>41</sup> And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

**INDUCTIVE STUDY - steps can be found on p. 2**

**READ - COMPREHENSION**

What does the text say?

**REFLECT - INTERPRETATION**

What does the text mean?

**RESPOND - APPLICATION**

What does the text mean for me now?

# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 - 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

In 1 Timothy 1:5, we see Paul's instruction that right doctrine and study of the Scriptures should lead to godly living. Today we're studying this passage to see how Paul encourages the church at Ephesus in his second letter to Timothy to allow God's Word to train them and equip them for good works.

## **2 Timothy 3:14-17**

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

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# THURSDAY, APRIL 23 - 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

In 1 Timothy 1:3-4, Paul urges Timothy to rebuke those who are teaching what is contrary to sound doctrine and the gospel of Jesus. Today we're studying this passage to see how Timothy was raised in the faith, and how Paul encourages him to guard that faith and the gospel which was entrusted to him.

## **2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,*

*<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:*

*Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*<sup>3</sup> I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

*<sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup> which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup> Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.*

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# FRIDAY, APRIL 24 - EPHESIANS 4:11-16

In 1 Timothy 1:1-7, Paul instructs Timothy to push back against false teaching and in doing so push the church at Ephesus towards love. Today we're studying this passage to see how God has given leaders in the church to equip God's people so they are unified and don't drift with false doctrine or teaching.

## ***Ephesians 4:11-16***

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

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# SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - 1 TIMOTHY 1:1-7, 3:14-15

How do the various Scriptures we studied this past week bring new light to our 1 Timothy passage from last Sunday?

## **1 Timothy 1:1-7, 3:14-15**

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*<sup>3</sup> As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, <sup>4</sup> nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. <sup>5</sup> The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup> Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup> desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.*

*<sup>14</sup> I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, <sup>15</sup> if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.*

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# WEEK 2

THE POINT OF THE LAW IS TO SHOW US WE NEED GOD'S MERCY AND GRACE.

## MONDAY, APRIL 27 - GALATIANS 5:1-15

In 1 Timothy 1:8-11, Paul argues that the law is given to show that none of us can live up to God's holy standard. Today we're studying this passage to gain further understanding of Paul's argument that Christ has set us free from the law. Jesus fulfilled the perfect law of God that we could not live up to, and by His grace, not our deeds, we are made right with God.

### ***Galatians 5:1-15***

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

*<sup>2</sup> Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.*

*<sup>7</sup> You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> This persuasion is not from him who calls you. <sup>9</sup> A little leaven leavens the whole lump. <sup>10</sup> I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. <sup>11</sup> But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. <sup>12</sup> I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!*

*<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.*

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## TUESDAY, APRIL 28 - ROMANS 3:21-31

In 1 Timothy 1:14, Paul writes that the grace of Jesus “overflowed for me” through faith and love. Today we’re studying this passage to see that it is God who justifies us through the blood of Jesus, not through our ability to follow rules or live up to the standard.

### **Romans 3:21-31**

*But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

*<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. <sup>31</sup> Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.*

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# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 - ROMANS 6:1-14

In 1 Timothy 1:16, Paul gives his own testimony that Christ showed him mercy as an example of his perfect patience towards all who would believe in Him. Today we're studying this passage to see how Christ has died, but also risen again, and all who trust in Him have also died to our sin and to our old "selves", and been made alive with God in Christ Jesus.

## **Romans 6:1-14**

*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

*<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

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# THURSDAY, APRIL 30 - ROMANS 5:1-11

In 1 Timothy 1:15, we read Paul's clear summation of the gospel - Christ came to die for sinners. Today we're studying this passage to remind ourselves the truth we see in 1 Timothy 1:15, that Christ died while we were ungodly and rebellious sinners. His grace found us when we were enemies of God, and He reconciled us into His family.

## **Romans 5:1-11**

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

*<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

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# FRIDAY, MAY 1 - GALATIANS 1:6-10

In 1 Timothy 1:18-19, Paul again reiterates his charge to Timothy to defend the gospel he just talked about in verses 12-17. Today we're studying this passage to see that the good news of the gospel - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus on our behalf - must be clung to and defended as followers of Jesus.

## **Galatians 1:6-10**

*I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— <sup>7</sup> not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.*

*<sup>10</sup> For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

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# SATURDAY, MAY 2 - 1 TIMOTHY 1:6-20

How do the various Scriptures we studied this past week bring new light to our 1 Timothy passage from last Sunday?

## **1 Timothy 1:6-20**

*Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup> desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.*

*<sup>8</sup> Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup> understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup> in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.*

*<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*<sup>18</sup> This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, <sup>19</sup> holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, <sup>20</sup> among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.*

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# WEEK 3

## PRAYER AND A QUIET LIFE

### MONDAY, MAY 4 - COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul urges the church to pray for all people, and to lead a peaceful and quiet life in every way. Today we're studying this passage to remind ourselves that we are called to continue in prayer and right living towards those who don't know Jesus.

#### **Colossians 4:2-6**

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.*

*<sup>5</sup> Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

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## TUESDAY, MAY 5 - EPHESIANS 4:1-7

In 1 Timothy 2:4 and 6, we read that Christ has come for all. Today we're studying this passage to remind ourselves that through the Holy Spirit the people of God are unified as one.

### ***Ephesians 4:1-7***

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.*

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# WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 - 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-12

In 1 Timothy 2:2, Paul instructs the church to live a life that is “godly and dignified in every way.” Today we’re studying this passage to see how this type of life puts the gospel on display for others to see.

## **1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

*Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.*

*<sup>9</sup> Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, <sup>10</sup> for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, <sup>11</sup> and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.*

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# THURSDAY, MAY 7 - 1 JOHN 2:1-6

In 1 Timothy 2:5, we read that there is one mediator between God and man - Jesus Christ. Today we're studying this passage to remember that Jesus advocates for us before God, since he is the one who shed his blood as the propitiation, or appeasement, of God's wrath towards our sin.

## **1 John 2:1-6**

*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. <sup>3</sup> And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup> whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

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# FRIDAY, MAY 8 - MATTHEW 20:20-28

In 1 Timothy 2:6, we read that Jesus Christ “gave himself as a ransom for many.” Today we’re studying this passage to remember that Jesus Christ came as a servant and gave his life to purchase our redemption and the forgiveness of our sins.

## **Matthew 20:20-28**

*Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. <sup>21</sup> And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” <sup>24</sup> And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup> even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

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# SATURDAY, MAY 9 - 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

How do the various Scriptures we studied this past week bring new light to our 1 Timothy passage from last Sunday?

## **1 Timothy 2:1-7**

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.*

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# WEEK 4

MEN SHOULD PRAY IN UNITY AND HUMILITY.

## MONDAY, MAY 11 - 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

In 1 Timothy 2:8, Paul gives instructions to the men in the church. Today we're studying this passage to see another exhortation from Paul that men should lead in strength and love.

### **1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

*Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. <sup>14</sup> Let all that you do be done in love.*

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# TUESDAY, MAY 12 - JAMES 1:19-20

In 1 Timothy 2:8, Paul instructs men to be free from anger. Today we're studying this passage to remind ourselves that we are called to be slow to anger, and instead pursue holiness and righteousness before God.

## **James 1:19-20**

*Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

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# WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 - 1 PETER 1:3-4

In 1 Timothy 2:9-10, Paul encourages women to focus on their godliness, rather than their outward appearance. In today's passage, Peter encourages this same exact thing.

## **1 Peter 1:3-4**

*Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—<sup>4</sup> but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.*

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# THURSDAY, MAY 14 - COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

In 1 Timothy 2:8-10, Paul instructs all of us in the church to live in peace with one another. Today we're studying this passage to remember that God has chosen us, and as we let "the word of Christ dwell in us richly", we grow in thankfulness to God and love towards one another.

## **Colossians 3:12-17**

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

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## FRIDAY, MAY 15 - PSALM 63

In 1 Timothy 2:8, Paul instructs the men in the church to lift up holy hands in prayer. Today's passage encourages us to lift up our hands before the Lord, acknowledging that we are dependent upon Him for life, joy, and godliness.

### **Psalm 63**

*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;*

*my soul thirsts for you;*

*my flesh faints for you,*

*as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

*<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,*

*beholding your power and glory.*

*<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,*

*my lips will praise you.*

*<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live;*

*in your name I will lift up my hands.*

*<sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,*

*and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,*

*<sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed,*

*and meditate on you in the watches of the night;*

*<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help,*

*and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.*

*<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you;*

*your right hand upholds me.*

*<sup>9</sup> But those who seek to destroy my life*

*shall go down into the depths of the earth;*

*<sup>10</sup> they shall be given over to the power of the sword;*

*they shall be a portion for jackals.*

*<sup>11</sup> But the king shall rejoice in God;*

*all who swear by him shall exult,*

*for the mouths of liars will be stopped.*

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# SATURDAY, MAY 16 - 1 TIMOTHY 2:8-10

How do the various Scriptures we studied this past week bring new light to our 1 Timothy passage from last Sunday?

## **1 Timothy 2:8-10**

*I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling,<sup>9</sup> likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire,<sup>10</sup> but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.*

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