

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 March 2013 1Timothy 1:1-20..... Follow Sound Doctrine
 2) 10 March 1Timothy 2:1-15..... Please God in Worship
 3) 17 March 1Timothy 3:1-4:16..... Honor God in Your Service
 4) 24 March 1Timothy 5:1-6:2..... Care for Others
 5) 31 March Matthew 28:1-20..... Believe in the Risen Lord
 6) 07 April 1Timothy 6:3-21..... Pursue Spiritual Gifts
 7) 14 April 2Timothy 1:1-18..... Be Loyal
 8) 21 April 2Timothy 2:1-26..... Be Strong in God's Work
 9) 28 April 2Timothy 3:1-17..... Be Guided by God's Word
 10) 05 May 2Timothy 4:1-22..... Be Persistent to the End
 11) 12 May Titus 1:1-16..... Look for Qualified Spiritual Leaders
 12) 19 May Titus 2:1-15..... Look for Spiritual Excellence
 13) 26 May Titus 3:1-15..... Look for Good Works

INTRODUCTION

- Out of the 27 New Testament books, Timothy is mentioned in 12 of them as a faithful believer and trusted friend
- Timothy was the type of guy that would do anything to save anyone from Hell, including being circumcised Acts 16:1-3
- Paul used Timothy as a troubleshooter to resolve problems or to strengthen churches at Corinth, Phillipi and Thessalonica
- Timothy was also responsible to establish churches by appointing elders and deacons who had the right spiritual qualifications
- And Paul revealed several challenges Timothy faced:
 1. He apparently was an introvert 1Cor 16:10; 2Tim 1:7
 2. He suffered from some unknown stomach problem that could not be healed (possibly an ulcer or irritable bowel)..... 1Tim 5:23
- 1Timothy addresses strange doctrines, proper use of the law within the church, handling difficult people, praying, God's desire for all men to be saved, the selection of elders and deacons, honoring widows, dealing with difficult employers (masters), and instructing the rich to accomplish great things for God's kingdom

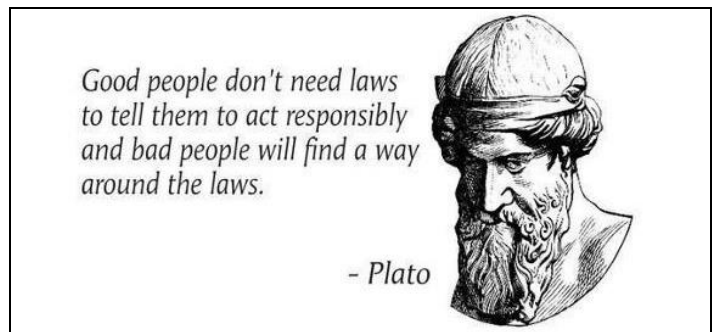
Passage	Comments
What are some false or "strange doctrines" for us today?	The SBC Statement of Faith is more inclusive than exclusive of various beliefs – and that's not all bad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can swing between Calvinism and Arminianism • In regards to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can also swing between cessationist and continuationist views • Acceptance of Gay marriages is still "strange" • Other "Strange Doctrines?"
1:7-11	Emphases of the Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv7-8. Sometimes we can be too liberal with the law simply to avoid conflict and political incorrectness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Scripture tells us "not many should be teachers" because of the severity of judgment..... James 3:1 • vv9-11. "...the law is not meant for the righteous..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Romans 2:14-15 reflects this meaning from a non-believer's perspective when they obey the law of God without specifically knowing the law, but sensing it within "their heart" ... cf Ecc 3:11; Jer 31:33
1:12-17	Modeling Faithfulness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv12-13. Paul was unique – a blasphemer and a persecutor of the church ("... it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the sea") – who was handpicked by Christ to be saved & commissioned as an Apostle • vv15-17. If Paul can be saved, anyone can be saved
1:18-20	Instructing Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v18. Paul tells Timothy to be prepared for a long protracted war that is worth fighting – "fight the good fight" • vv19-20. "some have rejected and suffered shipwreck" and "need to be taught not to blaspheme" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Hymenaeus & Alexander (& Philetus – 2Tim 2:17) apparently were Christians but were teaching a form of Gnosticism, which denies the bodily resurrection ♦ Blaspheme was not necessarily cussing, but denying a fundamental truth of the Christian faith
How do you turn someone over to Satan?	Turning someone over to Satan is a church discipline euphemism with intent to restore, not to excommunicate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship ceases. Must protect the sheep . 1Cor 5:1-5 • The offender is removed from the church 1Cor 5:13 • When the offender repents, fellowship is to be fully restored 2Cor 2:6-8

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1Timothy 1:1-2	Greetings from Paul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. It seems odd for Paul to identify himself as an Apostle of Jesus Christ, since he only did that to stress his credentials to certain struggling believers such as the Romans, the Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, and Colossians • But we find out that this letter had a wider audience than just Timothy as seen in 1Timothy 6:21 where Paul states "grace be with all of you" where "you" is plural • v2. Timothy was possibly saved through Paul's ministry or at least was disciplined by Paul since Paul calls Timothy "son" in v18, and "beloved son" in 2Tim 1:2
1:3-6	Warning About False Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v3. "instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ This was not going to be an easy or a short term task. It could take much time, all parties would need to be willing, and people might need patience ♦ What would Timothy need to do if these men continued teaching strange doctrines? • v4. Avoid "myths and endless genealogies..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The mixing of Christian beliefs with heathen myths & rituals is called <i>syncretism</i> (e.g. Mardi Gras) ♦ The Jews of this time period also strived to ascertain their genealogy. To reach high office a Jew needed to claim pure lineage for 4 generations on both sides of his family. <i>The Expositor's Bible Commentary, p487</i> • vv5-6. "The goal of our instruction is love..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Timothy was not to simply win a debate, or silence the false teachers, or expel them, but to win them

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- We need more Timothy's in our churches to keep us focused and who are not afraid to call the baby ugly when it is called for

NEXT WEEK: **1Timothy 2**. This chapter addresses two (2) high impact topics – 1) effectively praying for people, and 2) the powerful influence women have within the church



Another Perspective....