

Weekly Bible Study Schedule
Tuesday, January 14, 7:00-7:55 AM
HHR #5 – Hot Breakfast Provided
Capitol Commission is
NON-PARTISAN and
NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Introduction

Our completed study of the book of James, in 2019, gives way to the study of 1 Timothy, a pastoral letter, along with 2 Timothy and the book of Titus.

These letters instruct Timothy and Titus how to lead the church and how to lead themselves as followers of Jesus.

We, also, need to know how to lead others and ourselves. Leaders carry a responsibility to those they are in a direct relationship, and if their life is viewable. The last I checked; we are all viewable. The way in which we live our lives impacts and influences others.

Everyone can lead, and it is my belief that everyone is a leader. For example parents you lead your children, the staff you lead interns, other staff, and even your legislator(s) as you resource and facilitate their schedule and initiatives. Legislators you lead your colleagues, Missourians, and legislation, and governing leaders you lead departments, programs, and staff. Our study will emphasize leadership and its relationship to following Jesus' teachings and serving in the Missouri Capitol.

Paul's letter, likely written approximately 64 A.D. during his 4th missionary journey, which was 8 years after he and Timothy made their first mission to Ephesus.

Principal #1: Leaders Establish a Firm-Foundation of Faith in their Home.

In the book of Acts, chapter 16, Paul meets Timothy in the city of Lystra. Timothy's mother was a Jewish believer in Jesus as was his grandmother Eunice.

Timothy's first model of what it looks like to follow Jesus came from within his home. A clear example of the significance of mother's and grandmother's spiritual influence on their children. Over the years, a minimalization of the family unit has inoculated many homes. The most advantageous place to establish a firm foundation of faith is inside the biblical family design. Legislators, staff, and governing leaders your work for the state is instrumental for the common good of Missourians, but the lasting work is your spiritual legacy to your family. Remember your spouse, remember your children, while you do the work of the people.

vv. 1-2: Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, to Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Principal #2: Leaders Invest in Others.

Timothy was Paul's son in the faith, not as a child in age, he was in his 30's. Paul recognized Timothy's devotion to Jesus, an effective speaker, and that he had a stellar reputation in Lystra. Paul disciplined Timothy. A disciple is a student, pupil, one engaged in learning, and following the teaching of the tutor. Discipleship is more than taking instruction and knowledge it is taking action according to the instruction and knowledge gave by the mentor.

To those on Paul's missionary team as well as other believers in Jesus, he says:

"...And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ". (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Who are you investing in at the Capitol? What relationships are you teaching the ways of Jesus? We all need a Paul and we all need a Timothy in our lives. Do not be too busy to invest in others. Timothy was launched to travel with Paul on several missions in multiple cities. These missions started

numbers of churches and produced numerous followers of Jesus. For approximately 20 years, Timothy partnered with Paul; he was an associate to Paul in ministry.

v. 3a: As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus...

Principle #3: The Power of Satan is Active the Power of God is Greater.

A spiritual war is ensuing all around us. Behind the natural realm is the spiritual realm. It is evil at work, and the Kingdom of God is advancing. Look beyond what you see, be it legislation, legislators, staff, etc. When values inconsistent with the ways of Jesus are voiced look beyond the one voicing a different doctrine than what is found in the Scripture. The spiritual forces of darkness are at work. Avoid battling with colleagues, rather fight with spiritual weapons: love, Scripture, prayer, and follow the teachings of Jesus.

Ephesus was a populated and influential city in Asia; the ancient ruins are found in modern-day Turkey. Diversity, economics, and transportation were posited in Ephesus. Religious pluralism, ethnic diversity, worldviews, immoral values, and the worship of the goddess Artemis prevailed.

Acts chapter 18 is a snapshot of the history of Paul's effective ministry in Ephesus. At the same time, Paul and Timothy taught the message of Jesus for two years in the synagogue, the school of Tyrannous. Together they proclaimed Jesus to the extent Jews and Greeks in Asia heard about the Kingdom of God. The Lord demonstrated His miraculous work. Paul, Timothy, and their mission team saw many bodies healed from sickness and disease, delivered from evil spirits, and numerous confessed Jesus as Lord. The church at Ephesus grew to a large church.

Principle #4: Defend the Faith

Leaders infiltrated the influential church of Ephesus. Paul identified issues of false teachings, and what it means to follow Jesus. Timothy was assigned to restore order to the church.

v. 3b-4: so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

Corrupt men were influencing the church by:

- ⇒ Teaching doctrines inconsistent with the way of Jesus.
- ⇒ Arguing about stories of genealogies in the book of Genesis. What is my genealogical line? What does it mean? It is like debating your history and future with Ancestry.com.
- ⇒ Promoting speculations: Gnosticism - the body is bad and of no value, therefore, one can gratify it anyway one wants others said to deny one's body. Resulting in false teachings around marriage, sex, and food.
- ⇒ Speculating about the Torah (the law of God).

The purpose of the Torah is to expose the truth about the human condition. There are those that do not understand the teachings of God and those that rebel against the teachings of God. When the law exposes one's sinful condition there is a recognition of the grace of God found in the Messiah, Jesus, who came to save sinful people. The law draws one to God, or the law separates one from God.

v. 7-11: desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 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, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

Love is the motivating factor. Faithful teaching of Jesus has the fruit of genuine faith and love. The opposite fruit of the corrupt teachers influencing the church. Paul names two of the false teachers, Alexander and Hymenaeus. They were dividing the church. However, some in the church were firmly rooted in faith and the teachings of Jesus.

v. 5-6: The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion.



CAPITOL[®]
COMMISSION

Gospel Hope & Spiritual Strength for Government Leaders

1 Timothy 1:1-11

January 14

Dr. John Battaglia • Missouri State Minister • P.O. Box 891, Jefferson City • Missouri, 65102 • 573.355.4161 • www.pray1tim2.org

