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I write to Timothy (1:1-2).

¹I am Paul, a representative of the messiah, Jesus. God, our savior, and the messiah, Jesus, our hope, authorized it. ²I write to Timothy, my loyal son in the faith. May God, our father, and our lord, Jesus the messiah, grant you favor, mercy, and peace.

Do not give in to myths (1:3-11).

³Just like I urged you: Stay in Ephesus while I travel to Macedonia. Command those people: Do not teach a different doctrine. ⁴Do not give in to myths with complicated genealogies. These things promote useless speculations rather than God's faithful plan. ⁵The object of this command is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith.

⁶Some left these things. They turned to nonsense. ⁷They want to be teachers of the law. However, they lack understanding. They should not say these things. They should not be so confident about them.

⁸We know the law is good when used correctly. ⁹Know this: The law does not exist for the righteous. It exists for the lawless and rebellious, the ungodly and sinners, the unholy and the worldly, father-killers and mother-killers, murderers, ¹⁰sexually immoral, homosexuals, slave traders, liars, and perjurers. It exists for anything else that opposes correct teaching. ¹¹This agrees with the wonderful good news from the blessed God. I preserve it.

I am thankful (1:12-17).

¹²I am thankful that the messiah, Jesus our lord, strengthened me. My appointment led me to serve faithfully.

¹³ Previously, I was a slanderer, a persecutor, and an arrogant man.^a However, I received mercy. I acted with ignorant unfaithfulness. ¹⁴ Our lord's generosity overflows with faithful love by the messiah, Jesus.

¹⁵ This message is faithful and worthy of complete acceptance: The messiah, Jesus, came into the world to save sinners. I am the worst of them.

¹⁶ However, I received mercy for this reason. The messiah, Jesus, demonstrated complete patience with me most. This models eternal life for those who believe on him in the future.

¹⁷ He is the eternal king.

He is the only immortal and invisible God.

Wonderful honor belongs to him forever and ever.

That is the truth.

Battle the good battle (1:18-20).

¹⁸ I issue this command to you, my son Timothy. It is based on the previous prophecies about you. Battle the good battle they mentioned.

¹⁹ Keep your faith and a good conscience.

Some violate theirs. They shipwreck their faith. ²⁰ This includes Hymeneus and Alexander. I handed them over to Satan. They must learn not to slander.

Make pleas and prayers (2:1-8).

² Most importantly, I challenge: Make pleas, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings for everyone, ² including kings and all important people. Then we can pursue a quiet, peaceful life with absolute godly reverence.

³ This is the appropriate good conduct before God our savior.

⁴ He wants everyone to have salvation and to begin knowing the truth.

⁵ There is one God.

There is one mediator between God and men.

That man is the messiah, Jesus.

⁶ He gave himself as a ransom for everyone.

This testimony is at just the right moment.

⁷ This is why I was appointed a messenger and representative. I am telling the truth. I am not lying. I am a teacher of the gentiles with true conviction.

a) Acts 7:58, 9:1-2.

⁸ I want men to pray everywhere. Lift up holy hands without angry argument.

A woman should learn quietly (2:9-15).

⁹ Similarly, women must wear appropriate clothing with modest moderation. Do not wear braided hair, gold, pearls, or expensive clothing.

¹⁰ Instead, live like women who claim to be godly: Do good works.

¹¹ A woman must learn quietly with complete submission. ¹² I do not allow a woman to teach or give orders to a man. Instead, she must be silent.

¹³ Adam was created first, then Eve.^a ¹⁴ Adam was not tricked. The woman was in violation when she was tricked.^b

¹⁵ Women will survive childbirth, if they stay faithful, loving, and holy with modesty.

An overseer must be beyond criticism (3:1-7).

³ The matter is faithful: If anyone aspires to the position of overseer, he desires a good thing. ² That is why an overseer must be beyond criticism.

He must be the husband of one wife.

He must be sober, self-controlled, honorable, hospitable, and a skillful teacher.

³ He must not be a drunk nor a bully. Instead, he must be gentle, peaceable, and not greedy.

⁴ He must manage his own household well. His children must be submissive with complete holiness. ⁵ Suppose someone does not know how to control his own house. How can he take care of God's church?

⁶ He must not be a new convert so that he does not become arrogant. Otherwise, he might fall into the devil's judgment.

⁷ He also must have a good reputation with outsiders. Otherwise, he might fall into the devil's disgraceful trap.

Assistants must live honorably (3:8-13).

⁸ Similarly, assistants must live honorably. They must not be insincere, addicted to a lot of wine, nor make dishonest money.

⁹ They must understand the secrets of the faith with a clear conscience.

a) Genesis 2:22.

b) Genesis 3:6.

¹⁰Test them first. Then they can serve once they prove they are blameless.

¹¹Similarly, their wives must live honorably. They must not be gossips. They must be self-controlled and faithful in every area.

¹²Assistants must be husbands of one wife. They must manage their children and households well.

¹³Those who serve well obtain a good reputation for themselves. They have strong confidence because they believe in the messiah, Jesus.

I hope to visit you soon (3:14-16).

¹⁴I am writing because I hope to visit you soon. ¹⁵If I am late, I still want you to know how to act in God's house. It is the church of the living God. ¹⁶It is the column base of the truth.

The secret of godliness is absolutely certain.

He appeared physically.

He was justified spiritually.

Angels saw him.

He was proclaimed to the gentiles.

The world believed in him.

He ascended in glory.

Some people will wander from the faith (4:1-7).

⁴The spirit specifically states: Some people will wander from the faith in the future. They pay attention to sneaky spirits and demonic directions.

²They are hypocritical liars. They have branded their own consciences.

³They forbid marriage. They avoid certain foods.

God created these things to generously share them with the faithful and those who know the truth. ⁴All of God's creation is good.

Nothing is rejected after you receive it with thanksgiving. ⁵God's word and prayer make it holy.

⁶Point these things out to the brothers. Then you will be a good servant of the messiah, Jesus.

Nourish yourself with faithful words and good teaching. You already follow them.

⁷Reject pointless and silly myths.

Remain an example for the faithful (4:7-5:2).

Train yourself with godliness. ⁸ Physical exercise is beneficial for certain things. However, godliness is beneficial for everything. It grants the promise of life both now and in the future. ⁹ This saying is faithful and worthy of complete acceptance. ¹⁰ This is why we work so hard. We hope in the living God. He is the savior of all men, especially the faithful.

¹¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Do not let anyone despise your youth. Remain an example for the faithful in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.

¹³ Until I return, pay attention to reading, persuasion, and instruction.

¹⁴ Do not neglect your special gift. You received it through prophecy when the eldership laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Practice these things. Devote yourself to them. Then your progress will be obvious to everyone.

¹⁶ Pay attention to your conduct and teaching. Persist in them. By doing this, you will save both yourself and also those who listen to you.

⁵ Do not rebuke an older man. Instead, challenge him like a father, younger men like brothers, ² older women like mothers, and younger women like sisters with total purity.

Support real widows (5:3-16).

³ Support real widows. ⁴ Suppose some widow has children or grandchildren. Tell them they must first care for their own family. They must repay their parents by taking financial responsibility. This is what is right before God.

⁵ A real widow is all alone. She hopes in God. She continuously asks in prayer all the time.

⁶ If she lives extravagantly, she is already dead. ⁷ Command these things: They must be beyond criticism. ⁸ Suppose a family member, especially her immediate household, refuses to take care of her. He has denied the faith. He is worse than an unbeliever.

⁹ You may enroll only this widow: She must not be under sixty. She must be the wife of one husband. ¹⁰ She must have a reputation of good deeds. Has she raised children? Is she hospitable? Has she washed the feet of the holy people? Has she helped the sick? Is she devoted to other good deeds?

¹¹ Reject younger widows. When they give in to desire instead of the messiah, they want to get married. ¹² They are condemned. They broke the original deal.

¹³ They also learned to be lazy together. They go back and forth between houses. Not only are they lazy, they are gossiping meddlers. They talk about inappropriate matters.

¹⁴ I want young women to marry. They should have children. They should manage their household. Provide no opportunity for our enemies accusations. ¹⁵ Some have *already* gone back to Satan.

¹⁶ Suppose a believing woman cares for widows. She must help them. She must not burden the church. We must support only real widows.

Pay the elders who lead well double (5:17-18).

¹⁷ Pay the elders double who lead well, especially those who work hard speaking and instructing. ¹⁸ Scripture states,

Do not muzzle an ox while he treads grain.^a

Also,

An employee deserves his pay.^b

Expose guilty elders (5:19-25).

¹⁹ Do not listen to an accusation against an elder unless there are “two or three witnesses.”^c

²⁰ Expose the guilty in front of everyone. Then everyone else will be afraid.

²¹ I demand before God, the messiah, Jesus, and the selected angels: Keep these things without prejudice. Give no special treatment.

²² Place your hands on no person too quickly. Do not participate in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

²³ Do not drink just water. Use a little wine for your stomach and frequent illnesses.

²⁴ Some people’s sins are obvious. They lead to immediate judgment. Others show up later. ²⁵ Similarly, good deeds are also obvious. Those that are otherwise cannot stay secret.

a) Deuteronomy 25:4.

b) Luke 10:7.

c) Deuteronomy 19:15.

Slaves must treat masters with respect (6:1-2).

⁶ All slaves are bound to their masters. They must treat them like they deserve complete respect. Do not cause anyone to slander God's name or his teaching.

² Do not disrespect believing masters. They are your brothers. Instead, serve them well. Since they are loved believers, they should profit from your hard work.

Teach and urge these things.

Someone is teaching another doctrine (6:3-8).

³ Suppose someone is teaching another doctrine. Then he does not agree with the sound words of our lord, Jesus the messiah, or with godly instruction. ⁴ He is arrogant. He knows nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in debates and arguments about words.

They produce jealousy, bickering, slander, vicious suspicion, ⁵ and endless arguments. They corrupt the human mind. They cheat the truth.

They think that godliness is a way to make money. ⁶ However, godliness is a great way to find satisfaction.

⁷ We brought nothing into the world.

We cannot take anything out.

⁸ We have food and clothing.

We are satisfied with that.

Greed is evil (6:9-21).

⁹ Those who seek riches fall into a temptation trap because of many foolish and harmful desires. They plunge men into utter destruction.

¹⁰ Greed is the basis for many evil things. Some who chase money have wandered from the faith. They are stuck with many problems.

¹¹ Hey you, man of God. Run away from these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith. Seize eternal life. You were invited to it. You confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

¹³ I command you before both God, who keeps everything alive, and also the messiah, Jesus. He made the good confession to Pontius Pilatus.

¹⁴ Keep the command without fault or failure until our lord Jesus, the messiah, appears.

¹⁵ He will demonstrate it at just the right time.

He is the one and only blessed ruler.

He is the king among kings.

He is the lord among lords.

¹⁶ He alone does not die.

He lives in an unapproachable light.

No man sees him nor can see him.

He has honor and power forever.

This is the truth.

¹⁷ Order the rich of this world: Do not be so conceited. Do not hope in unreliable riches. Instead, hope in God. He richly gives everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ Do good. Be rich in good deeds. Share generously. ¹⁹ Store up a good foundation for the future. Then you will truly receive life.

²⁰ Hey, Timothy, guard your deposit.

Turn away from pointless contradictory chatter. This is a fake display of knowledge. ²¹ Some who accepted it have wandered away from the faith.

I wish you favor.