

## 1 Timothy 2

1. Why did Paul call Timothy “my true son in the faith?”  
-Timothy may have been Paul’s most loved fellow worker, most loved disciple, and most loved brother in Christ.
2. Why did God and Paul write this letter to Timothy and to all Christians?  
-Because there were people in the church in Ephesus and there are people in the church today who teach false doctrines.
3. What are false doctrines?  
-False doctrines teach that Christ is not the only way to God and eternal salvation.  
-False doctrines teach that people can somehow make their own way to God and thereby, earn their salvation.
4. How can we guard against false teaching from coming into the church?  
-By not allowing anyone to teach anything that is not the Word of God.
5. Can Christians be led to teach things that hurt and do not help believers?  
-Yes  
-Satan’s servants can come into the church from the outside to confuse Christians with false teaching.
6. While Satan knows that he cannot defeat God, whom

does he attack?

-People.

7. While Satan keeps non-Christians as his slaves, against whom is his greatest work?  
-Against the church.
8. Within the church, against whom is Satan’s greatest work?  
-Against the elders of the church.
9. According to 1 Timothy 1:18, how can Timothy and all Christians fight the battle well?  
-By holding on to faith and a good conscience.
10. What does it mean to hold on to faith?  
-It means to never let go of the truths of God.
11. How do we keep a good conscience before God?  
-By agreeing with our conscience when it judges our thoughts that are wrong and against the Word of God.
12. Before Paul left Ephesus, why did he hand over Hymenaeus and Alexander to Satan?  
-To teach them not to blaspheme by teaching lies about the Lord Jesus Christ.
13. What does it mean to hand a Christian over to Satan?  
-To push them out of the church into the world where Satan is the ruler.

14. Because God is perfect and without sin, what are some of His reasons for handing Christians over to Satan?

-To increase our faith in God.

-To teach us that God & His Word are more powerful than Satan.

-To save our eternal soul from Satan.

-As we learned in the last lesson, Paul left Timothy in Ephesus to help with the problems of the church.

-In chapter 1, we are taught to not allow false teachers in the church.

-In chapter 2, we are taught what should be the work of the church.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:1

1-I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—

-First of all, what is God through Paul asking us to do?

-To pray for all people.

-After giving glory to God, what is the most important work of the church?

-To pray for all people.

-The most important work of the church should be to

allow God to use us to pray for all people.

-God has saved us so that He would use us to pray for all people.

-This is done with prayer for the lost.

-When God was going to destroy Israel after they worshiped the golden calf, Moses prayed for the lost of Israel (Ex 32:11-14).

-When Israel's enemies attacked them, Samuel prayed for the lost of Israel (1 Sam 7:).

-Jeremiah, Daniel, and all the other prophets prayed for the lost of Israel.

-Before Stephen was stoned, he prayed for the lost of Israel. (Ac 7:60).

-Paul, wishing that he would be cursed so that Israel could be saved, prayed for the lost of Israel (Ro 9:1-5).

-Christ wept as He prayed for the lost of Israel (Lu 19:41-44).

-It is because of the prayers of others that we have been saved.

-All Christians have been saved through the prayers and teaching of other Christians.

-This is why God has saved us so that He might save others through us.

-As God and Paul are teaching Timothy and all Christians, prayer should be the first work in the church, and most of our prayer should be for the lost.

-Why should most of our prayer be for the lost?

-Because Christians have already been given eternal life.

-Because all non Christians will go to eternal hell if they do not believe in Christ.

-While Christians get sick and have problems, and we pray for them, we already have eternal life in Christ.

-It is the non Christians, however, who need more prayer because hell is forever.

-Therefore, we pray with request, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving.

-We request or plead to God for the lost of the world.

-We pray to God for the lost that many would be saved to the glory of our God.

-We intercede for the lost as Christ has interceded for us.

-We thank God that He has saved us to work alongside of

Him to save others.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:2-3

2-[Pray]—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

3-This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

-Even though governmental leaders can be evil, they still need our prayers.

-Even though governmental leaders can give us problems, God still wants to save them.

-As we learn in Romans 13, God commands us to obey governmental leaders except when their laws are against the Word of God.

-If we obey governmental leaders, then they will have no reason to punish us.

-The church before the government should be like the Lord Jesus before Pilate.

-Just as Pilate did not find Christ guilty of breaking any laws, so governmental leaders should not find the church guilty of breaking any laws.

-Then, perhaps, our lives will be peaceful and quiet in all godliness and holiness.

-As 1 Timothy 2:1-3 teaches us, when is God pleased with us?

-When we pray for the lost.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:4

4-God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

-Some people think that God condemns people to hell.

-Does God condemn anyone to hell and eternal death?

-No.

-God does not condemn anyone to hell.

-Rather, God wants all people to be saved.

-In Ezekiel 33:11, we read this:

-“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?”.

-In 2 Peter 3:9, we read this:

-“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to

repentance.”

-If God wants all people to be saved, then why are all people not saved?

-Because some people do not want to be saved.

-God has given all people a choice to believe in Him or not to believe in Him.

-Therefore, God does not condemn anyone to hell or eternal death.

-Rather, people choose not to believe in God, and by their choice, they condemn themselves to hell and eternal death.

-Because God created all people, He wants to save all people.

-This is the reason why we should pray for the lost.

-God wants to save the lost more than we do.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:5-7

5-For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,

6-who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

7-And for this purpose I was appointed a herald

and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

-Some people think that Christians worship more than one God.

-As we read in 1 Timothy 2:5, the Word of God clearly states that there is only one God.

-Who is this one God who is the one mediator between God and man?

-The Lord Jesus Christ.

-What is the work of a mediator?

-A mediator works to bring two people who have been separated back together again.

-Because our God is very holy, and because all people have sinned, our sin has separated us from God.

-Why is Christ alone the only mediator between God and man?

-Because Christ alone is completely God and completely human without sin.

-As Christ is completely God, He alone is sinless, and as Christ is completely human, He alone can die to pay for our sin, and bring us back together to God.

-As Jesus said in John 14:6:

-“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

-By dying for our sin, Christ gave himself as a ransom for all people.

-This means that the Lord Jesus gave Himself and His life on the cross to pay for our sin which hurt our Father.

-As Jesus said in Mark 10:45:

-“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

-Just as Paul was appointed a herald to tell others that Christ died so that we do not need to die, all Christians are also appointed as heralds to tell others of Christ.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:8

8-Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

-As Paul has written these words, some people think that Paul wants only men to pray, and that women cannot pray.

-This is not true.

-To understand this, we must remember that God and Paul are writing to Timothy and all Christians concerning the work of the church.

-Therefore, God and Paul together are teaching us that it is when the church meets that the men should lead in prayer.

-God, of course, wants all of His people to pray.

-The Word of God never teaches us that women cannot pray.

-In fact, the prayers of women may be more powerful than the prayers of men if the women are obeying God and the men are not.

-In 1 Timothy 2:8, the Word of God is teaching us that when the church meets and prays, that men should be the ones to lead in prayer.

-The men who lead in prayer, however, are to be men who live holy lives without getting angry or fighting.

-After having taught on the work of men in the church, God and Paul now teach about the work of women in the church.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:9-10

9-I also want the women to dress modestly, with

decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes,

10-but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

-In 1 Timothy 2:8, Paul writes: "I want."

-In 1 Timothy 2:9, Paul writes: "I also want."

-In 1 Timothy 2:12, Paul writes: "I do not permit."

-Is Paul only writing what he wants and what he permits, or is he writing what God wants and what God permits?

-As Christians, we must understand that the entire Bible is written by God alone using the hands of people.

-In 2 Timothy 3:16, we read this:

-"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

-This means that it is God alone who is breathing His words or writing His words through His people.

-If we begin to say that some of the Bible does not mean what it says, then we are saying that some of the Bible is not from God.

-Both God and Paul and all Christian married men want women to dress modestly.

-When the church meets, Christian men do not need to be tempted by women with immodest dress, elaborate hairstyles, gold, pearls or expensive clothes.

-When the church meets, we all need to concentrate on worshiping God and learning more about our God.

-Instead of adorning themselves with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, with what should Christian women adorn themselves?

-With good deeds appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:11-12

11-A woman should learn in quietness and full submission.

12-I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.

-In the time of Israel, the Jews did not permit women to study the Law of Moses.

-Yet this verse teaches us that God wants women to learn about Him.

-At the well in Samaria, the Lord Jesus taught the woman about Himself, and many people believed because of the woman's testimony (Jn 4).

-When Lazarus died, the Lord Jesus taught Martha about Himself—that He is the resurrection and the life (Jn 11).

-Even on the cross, the Lord Jesus told His mother, Mary, that John would take care of her after His death.

-Why does the Word of God say that God and Paul do not permit a woman to teach?

-Does 1 Timothy 2:12 teach us that God does not want women to teach?

-No.

-To understand this, we must remember that God and Paul are now teaching about the work of women in the church.

-When the church meets, the Word of God teaches us that the men are to teach.

-However, when women are not in a church service, they should teach other women and children.

-In Titus 2:3, we read this:

-“Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.”

-Older women should teach younger women how to be a godly wife, mother, sister, and daughter.

-While the Word of God teaches us that men should teach when the church meets, does this mean that men are more important than women before God?

-No.

-As we learn from Galatians 3:28, men and women are spiritually equal before God.

-If men and women are spiritually equal before God, what is the difference between men and women?

-The work that God chose to give to women is different from the work that God chose to give to men.

-Did women work alongside of the Lord Jesus when He was on earth?

-Yes.

-When Jesus traveled from town to town teaching, many women accompanied Him, including those who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases (Lu 8:2-3).

-These women were helping to support Christ and His disciples with their own wealth.

-Did women work with the church after Christ ascended to heaven?

-Yes.

-When Paul met Lydia in Philippi and taught her of Christ, she believed, and the first church in Greece met in

Lydia's house (Ac 16),

-Damaris believed in Christ when Paul spoke at the Areopagus in Athens, and she became one of the first members of the church at Athens (Ac 17).

-Phoebe may have carried Paul's letter to the Romans from Corinth, and it appears as if Phoebe was very much involved in the church at Cenchreae, helping many people (Ro 16:1).

-Priscilla, along with her husband, Aquila, worked closely with Paul not only in Corinth, but also in other towns where Paul taught.

-When Apollos came to Ephesus to teach, Priscilla and Aquila taught him some of the deeper truths of God (Ac 18).

-The work that God chose to give to men is different from the work that God chose to give to women.

-It was God's choice to choose twelve men to be the apostles of Christ.

-It was God's choice to choose men to be teachers and pastors, evangelists and elders.

-It was God's choice to choose men to write the books of the Bible.



-It was God's choice to choose men to teach the Word of God in a sermon.

-There is nowhere written in the Bible of a sermon or a teaching by a woman.

-Does this mean that a woman cannot give advice to her husband?

-No.

-As we learn in Genesis 2:20, God created women to be a helper to their men.

-Should a man listen to his wife's advice?

-Yes.

-In 1 Peter 3:7, we read this:

-“Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”

-In the verse above, we learn that the prayers of a man may be hindered if he is not treating his wife properly.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:13

13-For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

-Why is the Word of God teaching us that Adam was

created first, and then, Eve second?

-We must remember that God and Paul are teaching us about the work of men and women in the church.

-Therefore, as Adam was created first, and then Eve, this is God's design from the beginning of the world.

-When the church meets, men are to lead in prayer and in teaching.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:14

14-And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.

-Why is the Word of God teaching us that Adam was not deceived in the garden of Eden, but Eve?

-It is teaching us that when the design of God is not obeyed, then sin will be the result.

-It is God's design for the man to be the head of the woman.

-This is God's design to protect women.

-In the garden of Eden, however, Eve did not stay under the headship of Adam, but rather, left his protection.

-Because Eve left the protection of Adam, she was

deceived by Satan, and sin came into all of the world.

-When Eve was tempted by Satan, did Eve talk to Adam first?

-No.

-Instead of talking with Adam, Eve made her own decision, and ate the fruit that God had forbidden.

-Why was Eve deceived by Satan?

-Because Eve made her decision without talking with Adam.

-Because Eve took control over Adam.

-How did Eve take control over Adam?

-By giving him the forbidden fruit to eat.

-Should Christian women follow Eve's example?

-No.

-Although Eve took control over Adam, God has a plan.

Let's read 1 Timothy 2:15

15-But women will be saved through childbearing if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

-In the garden of Eden, even though Eve took over control from Adam and led people into sin, what is God's

plan for women?

-To be a mother and to raise children to believe in God.

-What does 1 Timothy 2:15 mean by saying "women to be saved through childbearing"?

-It does not mean that all women who have children will be saved from eternal death.

-To be saved, we must only believe in Christ.

-It means that even though one woman led people into sin, women can lead people out of sin by raising their children to believe in God.

-What should a woman do if she is not married or is unable to have physical children?

-She can teach the Word of God to young women until they become her spiritual children and then care for them.

-Will all mothers be content just because they have children?

-No.

-Which women will be content in being mothers?

-Those who continue in faith, love, and holiness.