

Pastoral Epistles

~~A Preview~~

A Review

Time Context of Pastoral epistles

New Testament					
History	Epistles			Prophetic	
Mathew Mark Luke John Acts	Paul's Letters			General / Other	R e v e l a t i o n
	Early – Periods	Later After arrest and imprisonment		James Hebrews Jude 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John	
	Galatians 1 Thess 2 Thess	First Imprisonment	Release	Second Imprisonment	
	1 Cor 2 Cor Romans	Ephesians Philippians Colossians Philemon	1 Timothy Titus (AD 62-64)	2 Timothy (AD 66-67)	

Paul, Timothy & Titus

- In 1 Timothy and Titus
 - Paul was **out of 1st Roman imprisonment**
 - (AD 62-64)
 - Timothy was in Ephesus
 - Titus was in Crete
- In 2 Timothy
 - Paul was in **Roman dungeon** and **expecting to be beheaded** (AD 66-67)

TIMOTHY – an Evangelist

–And may be considered as an ELDER at Ephesus

- (Act 16:1) 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.**
- (Act 16:2) **He was well spoken of** by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.(Act 16:3) Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him... .

Pastoral epistles

They are unique in teaching

– Personal letters

- Mostly directives / instructions
- Actions to be taken in the Church
 - Church Administration
 - Pastoral duties

Pastoral epistles

- They give explicit and complete instructions:
 - Concerning ALL Believers
 - **behavior in the household of God**
 - Concerning Ministers (Those in various ministries):
 - Qualifications
 - Ministry – (*Shepherd, Teach, exhort, rebuke, serve in love*)
 - Need for Dedication and equipping themselves for ministry

Few underlying concepts that may help us in understanding these epistles

1. The company of believers is a **family** [Household]
2. The families must have proper leadership to teach, serve and protect them
3. The families must be taught the true family values
4. The family values will be attacked
5. Teaching and protecting the family values is the responsibility of the family leaders

What is taught in these epistles?

Major elements of teaching:

- Refute false (different) doctrine (1 Tim 1:3)
- Teach the good doctrine (1 Tim 4:6)
- Believers behavior in His family (church) (various chapters – interactions, interpersonal)
- God's Household's behavior – leading to Good works (various: 1 Tim, Tit)
- Elder/Deacon qualifications (1 Tim 3, Tit 1)
- Leaders (and all believers) preparation (discipline) for ministries (2 Tim 2)

Paul's main objectives here

“ ... I am writing these things to you so that, ... 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.” 1 Tim 3:15-16

“Command and teach these things”. 1 Tim 4:11

“Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.” Tit 2:15

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Col 1.18

THE BODY
[Household of God]

Why Study Pastoral epistles –

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The Family's Importance

- ... a pillar and buttress [foundation] of the truth (1 Tim 3:15b)
- The function and duty of the family (church)
 - To be a testimony [witness] to God's truth
 - God's Family has a responsibility
 - *Israel failed and is now set aside*
 - The new covenant church is entrusted with duty of being a Pillar and foundation

Overall Summary

- 1 Timothy – **A Charge**
 - **Guard** the TRUTH (the doctrine, the teachings)
 - Not to lose the purity –
 - *Protect* doctrinal purity
- 2 Timothy – **A Challenge**
 - **Teach** the truth in purity and authority
 - To those who can pass it on to following generations
 - *Proclaim* (teach) the doctrine as taught by Jesus
- Titus – **A Charge**
 - **Evidence** the truth
 - *Practice* the truth in daily life

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Eph 2:10,
Tit 3:8,14

A spiritually functioning church of God

Spiritual
Leadership
Elders:

Shepherding,
Teaching, Leading,
guarding,
Caring &
disciplining with
authority

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CHIEF

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which is the
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“Care & Service”
Ministries
Deacons:

Serving the
household in
Care, Help and
Mercy ministries
and in Assisting
Shepherds

Engaged in Good Works
Submitting to and
supporting
Spiritual authority

2 Timothy

A Review

2 Timothy

A Challenge: To continue on with the ministry

“Fan into Flame” [Rekindle]

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4
Purpose and plan	Disciplines for the plan	Difficulties for the preacher	Final Directive to the preacher
Fan into Flame - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Gift in YOU	Disciplines <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the disciples	In the last days <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evil men• Evil doctrine	Be ready! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always
Follow the pattern <ul style="list-style-type: none">• of Christ• of Paul• of others	Perpetuate the teachings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to those who can teach	Expect persecution <ul style="list-style-type: none">• But continue on	In opposition, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay calm• Endure suffering

Chapter 1

Chapter 1	Verses	Key statement (s)
Intro & Thanksgiving	1-4	“life that is in Christ Jesus”
The remembrances	5	Timothy’s sincere faith and heritage
Energizing the minister	6-11	-Fan into flame the gift in you (6) -Do not be ashamed of (a) the Lord, or (b) of Paul
Examples to the minister	12-18	Christ, Paul & Onesiphorus