

Scraps from the margins of my Bible.

I TIMOTHY

with a little expansion
Phil Myers

Direct quotes from the Bible are
***bold** **italicized* *underlined
i.e. **scattered**

Introduction

1. Timothy was pastor in Ephesus, one of the most significant cities in far western Turkey. [1.3]
2. Themes in the book: sound teaching, false doctrine, elders, widows
3. Paul & Tim had visited Ephesus on Paul's second church planting missionary tour.
4. They had stayed for 3 years [during 3rd miss. tour] then Paul put Tim in charge when he left town, [1.3].
5. Ephesus had the largest idol temple in the world at the time: Diana (*Latin*), Artemis (*Greek*), already 500 years old
* larger than 2 US football fields [field = 45,000 sq ft temple = 93,500 sq ft]
6. Scene of riot [commotion] when P & T visited the first time.
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7. There is no obvious order or conclusion in this letter. It almost ends mid-thought.
8. There aren't any heavy, knotty doctrinal problems which the writer explains.

- 1.1,2 **son in the faith**, **pistis πιστις** = belief, faith, first of 19X in the book
Timothy already had a great reputation in 2 cities, Lystra & Iconium [Acts 16.2]. Maybe mid 20s? *pjm*
Surely was saved long before he met Paul a year and a half prior [II Tim 3.15, from a child. . .salvation]
After being stung by Mark on their first trip [Acts 13.13], Paul certainly wouldn't have taken on a baby
Christian for this trip.
- 1.3 jumps right into major theme = sound **doctrine**, teach 20X
* eight flavors of false teaching: 1.3 4.1-3 6.3-5: apostasy, doctrines of demons, fables, vain
janglings, slander, genealogies, evil spirits, quarrel about words
* defend the faith! I Tim 1.18
I Tim 1.3 don't flinch at preaching the truth I Tim 4.1 expose, oppose
I Tim 1.10 sound doctrine
bad doctrine: Hym. & Alex, I Tim 1.20 Hym. & Philet, II Tim 2.17,18
- 1.6 **swerved. . . turned aside**
- 1.7 false teachers, "teach" and "doctrine" in I Tim a major theme = 12x
- 1.9,10 14 sins
- 1.11,12 Tim entrusted same as Paul was, I Cor 4.2 Col 4.17 *Phil Myers was entrusted the same way.*
- 1.13,14 Paul's memory scalds his soul often, grace applied
- 1.15 **to save sinner**, Paul was the worst sinner he knew. I, Phil, can say the same thing about myself. You, too?
- 1.17 7-point adoration
- 1.18,19 challenge to Tim: keep the faith, danger of shipwreck I Cor 9.27 = castaway, disqualified
Paul mentions lots of shipwrecks in his epistles.
- 1.20 examples of shipwrecked lives, [I have initials of only 5 shipwrecked friends in my Bible]

- 2.1 4-point primer on prayer, each point one is a whole sermon
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- 2.2 pray for Nero [AD 54-68], I've prayed for 30 years for the Knesset which governs Israel today.
- 2.4 Paul's praying for salvation for all. I have a friend whose church teaches she shouldn't pray that way for the non-elect.
- 2.5,6 **one Mediator**, 4+ whole chapters in Hebrews are dedicated to Jesus as High Priest, our mediator, 6-10.
 Mark 10.45
- 2.7 **ordained**, the church's stamp of approval What a privilege I've had to ordain many into the ministry.
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- But it's scary to wear the mantle of "Bible teacher." James 3.1 ". . . a greater judgment" [KJV = **condemnation**]
- 2.9 sharp shift in topics: ladies' inner beauty
- 2.12-14 **women [not]. . . to teach. . . men.**
 Tony Evans, "If you've got a problem with that, you don't have a problem with me, ma'am, you've got a problem with God." *Tony was my guest lecturer in my class at Miami Christian College.*
- Why?
 Answer: [v. 14, God says it in 14 words], "**the woman [Eve] being deceived was in the transgression.**"
- 2.15 **saved in childbearing**, see notes in [I Timothy printable syllabus](#), I Timothy. Scroll down to about page #21.
"This is one of the hardest verses in the NT to translate or interpret." Dr. Duane Litfin
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- 3.1 **elders** = bishops, shepherds, presbyters, overseers, episcopos, 2 ways to select
 1. a man desires to put himself forward
 2. chosen & appointed by another elder [e.g. Paul]
- 3.2 **one wife** = no divorce = overwhelming standard understanding for 2,000 years, end of discussion
- 3.1-7 one mandate = **blameless** [with 17 sub-points including Tit 1.6-9]
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- 3.9,16 **mystery**, "A truth revealed for the first time."
"A truth not revealed until the proper time." Mark Cambron
 Eph 3.9 "mystery. . . from the beginning of the world had been hid in God"
 Rom 16.25 "mystery which was kept secret since the world began"
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- 3.10-13 **deacons** [*diakonos διακονος* = server] selected from among those who were already serving
- 3.16 This was used as a doxology in the early Church.
 Doxology = a short hymn or liturgical praise, benediction, or blessing
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- 4.1,2 **some shall depart from the faith,**
- Expect it
 - Prepare for it
 - "Preach the Word" II Tim 4.2
 - Reasons for depravity
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- Demons participate in drifting
 - Hypocrisy is one element
 - Seared conscience is another
- 4.3 Beware of good things going awry: celibacy & vegetarianism are good, but. . . .
Rom 14.3,6 Matt 19.12
- 4.5 **sanctified by the Word of God**, back to the theme of teaching & preaching the recently circulating books of the New Testament. Earliest to be widely accepted: Gospels, Paul, Peter, and Revelation.
* Teaching = major theme of I Tim [by chapters], 20X
1. 3,5,7,10
2. 7,12
3. 2
4. 1,11,13,16
5. 17,20
6. 1,2,3,4,5,17,18
- 4.8 **bodily exercise**, not about gym memberships & fitness: rather self-discipline in all of life. Learn to control all your appetites.
- 4.12 **let no man despise your youth**, Tim's age 35-40? He was recruited mid-twenties? Traveled with Paul 15+ years before being left in Ephesus as pastor. Note: joined Paul about AD 50, beginning of 2nd miss. tour.
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Note: II Tim 2.22, "flee youthful lusts:" prestige, power, self-sufficiency, experience, leisure, busyness, rationalizing, etc.
- 4.13 **give attendance to [public] reading**, probably during church services. Few believers owned a Torah. Copies of the new epistles were appearing slowly. Psalms/songs were sung together from memory in Jewish congregations.

- 5.1 **rebuke not an elder**, correcting elders was to be private [see Matt 18 for guidelines]
- 5.3-16 **widows**, longest topic in this book: care for older, cautions for younger
* 8-fold requirements for widow Social Security: hospitality, etc.
* see Acts 6, establishment of formal widow-care committee, 7 fulltime deacons for the entire city
- 5.17,18 **elders**, again, double \$\$\$ honor, see notes in [I Timothy printable syllabus](#) at 5.17,18.
- 5.21 **elect angels**, specially chosen angelic beings? or pastors? **angelos** ἀγγελοσ = messengers, pastors, *pjm*
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Angels' Jobs, in the book of the Revelation
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- 5.22 **lay hands on**, see blog at 2.7

- 6.1,2 **servants**, household or occupational slaves, Mosaic Law was contractual.
Exod 21.1-11 Exod 22.3 Deut 15.13-14 Col 3.22-25
- 6.8,9,10,17,18,19 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$, money matters, several principles
- 6.11 5 commandments to pursue/ **follow after**. [II Timothy has 30+ direct commands]
- 6.15,16 another early doxology

Amen.