

# The Pastoral Epistles

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## INTRODUCTION TO 1 TIMOTHY

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### I. CHARACTER OF THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

- A. These books are written to young preachers, not simply to a church. That is the reason that the three books of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus are called “Pastoral Epistles.”
- B. These books give us instructions concerning church administration.
  1. How we are to behave in the house of God (1 Timothy 3:15)
  2. The place of women in the churches (1 Timothy 3:9-15)
- C. These books give us the qualification required for a good pastor (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-10).
- D. These letters teach us that we should have sound doctrine.
  1. Paul warned his followers of grievous wolves who will come in to destroy the flock after he leaves them—Acts 20:28-29 *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.*
  2. 1 Timothy 1:10 *For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;*
  3. 1 Timothy 4:1 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*
  4. 1 Timothy 4:6 *If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.*
  5. 1 Timothy 4:13 *Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*
  6. 1 Timothy 4:16 *Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*
  7. 1 Timothy 5:17 *Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.*
  8. 1 Timothy 6:1 *Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.*
  9. 1 Timothy 6:3 *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;*
  10. 2 Timothy 3:10 *But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,*
  11. 2 Timothy 3:16 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

12. 2 Timothy 4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*
  13. Titus 1:9 *Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.*
  14. Titus 2:1 *But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:*
  15. Titus 2:7 *In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,*
  16. Titus 2:10 *Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.*
- E. These letters teach us holy living
1. 1 Timothy 1:4 *Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.*
  2. 1 Timothy 1:5 *Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:*
  3. 1 Timothy 1:10 *For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;*
  4. 1 Timothy 2:10 *But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.*
  5. 1 Timothy 3:3 *Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;*
  6. 1 Timothy 3:10 *And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.*
  7. 1 Timothy 3:15 *But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*
  8. 1 Timothy 4:7 *But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.*
  9. 1 Timothy 4:12 *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*
  10. 1 Timothy 5:8 *But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*
  11. 1 Timothy 6:6 *But godliness with contentment is great gain.*
  12. 1 Timothy 6:11 *But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.*
  13. 1 Timothy 6:18 *That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;*
  14. 2 Timothy 2:16 *But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*
  15. 2 Timothy 2:19 *Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*
  16. 2 Timothy 2:22 *Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity,*

