

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME SIX

LETTERS TO GOD'S PEOPLE—A SURVEY OF ROMANS—PHILEMON

1 TIMOTHY: WISE COUNSEL FOR SHEPHERDS
A SURVEY OF 1 TIMOTHY



The Heart of the Matter

Within the writings of Paul in the New Testament, we have three letters of special interest to local churches and their pastors. These are commonly called “pastoral epistles,” referring to the books of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus. These three letters remain to this day as the most accurate and very best counsel a shepherd (and his flock) can receive. Written to men who were shepherds in the first century, these three letters have a relevant ring to them to this very day. This message looks into the first and the longest of these three letters, which contains the most thorough treatment of the subject. First Timothy addresses the role of the shepherd and his responsibility for the life of the flock. The shepherd must know and teach sound doctrine, live a godly life, and maintain order in the church. This letter highlights the importance of choosing godly leaders according to God’s design. So many churches have drifted from God’s design, but this letter guides the church back to Christ’s original blueprint.



Discovering the Way

1. The Major Personalities (1 Timothy 1:1–5; 3:14–15)

Learn about Paul and Timothy—the writer and recipient of this letter.

2. Reasons the Letter Was Written (1 Timothy 1:3–7; 3:14–15; 4:6–16; 6:3–5)

Paul wrote to warn Timothy about false teachers, to instruct him about how to lead the church, and to encourage him to educate his flock.

3. An Overview of 1 Timothy (1 Timothy 1:1–16; 3:2–7; 4:1–16; 5:1–25; 6:1–19)

Review the chart on the next page and discover that chapters 1–3 discuss the work of ministry and chapters 4–6 teach about the role of the minister.

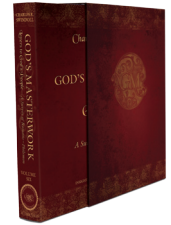


Starting Your Journey

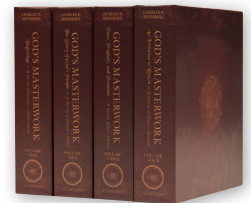
Shepherding is more practical than theoretical. Leadership is less glamorous than demanding. Ministry is to be balanced between commitment and contentment.



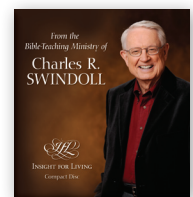
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FIRST TIMOTHY

<i>Greeting (1:1-2)</i>	<p>Personal Encouragement and Exhortation</p> <p><u>Timothy's task</u> <u>Paul's testimony</u> <u>Gospel's trustworthiness</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER</i> 1</p>	<p>The Ministry</p> <p>Men and women (2) (Prayer and submission)</p> <p>Elders and deacons (3) (Qualifications for leadership)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTERS</i> 2-3</p>	<p>The Minister</p> <p>Seeing the importance of (4): <u>Faithful teaching</u> <u>True godliness</u> <u>Sound doctrine</u> <u>Perseverance</u></p> <p>Paying attention to (5): <u>Various age groups</u> <u>Elders</u> <u>Widows</u> <u>Wisdom</u></p> <p>Developing a new perspective toward (6): <u>Masters and slaves</u> <u>Internals and externals</u> <u>Rich and poor</u> <u>Eternal vs. temporal</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTERS</i> 4-6</p>	<i>Conclusion (6:21)</i>
Emphasis	The work of ministry		The one who ministers	
Command	Be true!	Be wise!	Be strong and faithful!	
Theme	Leadership of the church, the household of God			
Key Verses	3:14-15			
Christ in 1 Timothy	Jesus is the Mediator between God and people, the ransom for all, who came in the flesh and was taken up in glory (2:5-6; 3:16).			

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