

INSTRUCTIONS OF GOD IN THE LETTERS FROM PAUL

INDUCTIVE LESSON ONE FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

1 Timothy 1

Day One

Text: (Begin this week's lesson by reading the assigned passage several times.)

Hint: Read the passage repeatedly, prayerfully, thoughtfully, meditatively and patiently.

1 Timothy 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia — remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. 5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, 6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

8 But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, 9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, 11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, 20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 1:15 "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

Day Two

Words Matter: In this portion of the lesson we will take a closer look at one or two key words in the chapter. You will need to have your tools or resources at hand, such as more than one Bible translation, a dictionary or Bible dictionary, concordance, atlas, and encyclopedia. If you don't have all of these, simply use what you do have to enrich your learning. To do some digging on your own, start with your dictionary (or Bible dictionary) and then look up the references to add to your understanding. If you have additional resources, you may want to keep digging. Record these additional notes in the Tool Box section of your study. After you've completed the investigative process, write a definition in your own words. Your investigation in today's lesson will lay the groundwork for deeper discoveries in subsequent lessons, so be as thorough as you can.

Mercy: 1 Timothy 1:2

"To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord."

Dictionary or Concordance definition:

What does the Bible have to say?

Psalm 147:11

Proverbs 28:13

Write your own definition:

Day Three

Toolbox: Use your toolbox or secondary helps to enhance your observational findings.

Study Bible:

Bible Concordance:

Bible Dictionary:

Bible Handbooks:

Bible Atlas:

Bible Commentary:

Day Four

Inductively Speaking:

Your studies in 1 Timothy will have the greatest impact when you read the entire book through in one sitting. Take particular care in observing everything you can about the words that are written before you. This is the time to humbly go before the Lord asking Him to give you insight into this passage at hand. God says that every jot and title is important. Handle with care when completing your observation. Look for the main theme of the passage. Surround it with supporting facts before you attempt to interpret the lesson God had for the people in that day. Think as a detective would think: who, what, where, when and how. Review the instruction guide for each section of study. Keep in mind that this book of Timothy is about how God is working through the Spirit in the lives of believers so that they can walk

the walk more effectively for Him. Don't forget to give God the glory for what He will reveal to you this week.

1 Timothy 1:1-2

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I. Observation: Finding the literal facts or most obvious details of the passage.

Hint: Begin observation by asking the questions who, what, where, when, why, and how.

Verse 1-2

Inductively Speaking:

God's Word must always be understood in its original form. Discovering the meaning may mean asking questions such as: What came before the story being told, what condition were the people in at the time of the story? What did they learn from reading the story? This can also mean: What is it that we today are learning and applying from the story told so long ago?

II. Interpretation: Discovering the lessons or meaning of God's instruction to His people.

Hint: Try to place yourself with these people, in their circumstances, at this time of Bible history.

Verse 1-2

Inductively Speaking:

Each lesson has a word study on Day 2. We encourage all of you to study the words listed. Sometimes we can assume that we know all about what may seem a very simple word. Understand that these are God's inspired words used for a specific purpose. It will do each of us well to either reaffirm or deepen what we already know about its definition or bring us knowledge about new words we are not familiar with.

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Verses 3–11

III. Application: Applying the lessons and meaning of God's instructions to His people. Hint: Apply the lesson or lessons you found in the interpretation section in the form of a question.

Verses 3–11

Day Six

1 Timothy 1:12–20 (Today's highlighted passage of study)

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I. Observation: Finding the literal facts or most obvious details of the passage.

Hint: Begin observation by asking the questions who, what, where, when, why, and how.

Verses 12–20

II. Interpretation: Discovering the lessons or meaning of God's instruction to His people.
Hint: Try to place yourself with these people, in their circumstances, at this time of Bible history.
Verses 12–20

III. Application: Applying the lessons and meaning of God's instructions to His people. Hint: Apply the lesson or lessons you found in the interpretation section in the form of a question.
Verses 12–20

Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 1:15 *“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”*

Impact Statement: A simple personal statement about how the Holy Spirit will guide and direct you from this week’s study.

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Prayer Requests:

New to the inductive study?

If you have just joined us for this second session of Men's Bible Fellowship, we welcome you to the inductive study program. We pray that this method of study will reveal to you many new treasures from God's Word. To those of you who have been enrolled in the inductive study program here at Harvest, it's a blessing to have you back. To those who are trying this method of study for the first time, God's blessings to you. God will be revealing His will to the Ephesians and all of us through His Word while we study Paul's first letter to Timothy.

If you are learning this method for the first time, relax! We will be covering approximately one chapter per week. This will give us plenty of time to understand not only the method of inductive learning but also the meaning of God's Word. We will be learning to study in a disciplined and systematic way, continually asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to us insights into living holy and acceptable lives to Him through the inspired writing of the apostle Paul. Every week there will be experienced leaders available to answer questions regarding the inductive study method: your group leader, two senior group leaders and the inductive lesson coordinators. They are all trained and capable teachers of the inductive method. All your studies are formatted in a particular layout that lends itself well to inductive learning. Remember to utilize all the materials and study helps you received during the orientation time of our first night together. We encourage every inductive student to pick up a copy of "Living by the Book" written by Howard Hendricks.

This is a process and no one is expected to learn this process in one sitting, five weeks or an entire year. God's Word has tremendous depth. The study is designed for both beginners and seasoned students of the Scriptures. In some areas of the Bible we can pick up nuggets of God's precious stones on the surface. Other sections of Scripture require deeper digging to reveal even more treasures we may apply to our lives, enabling God to use each of us in His kingdom and to spread the gospel message of Jesus Christ. The patience of our Lord and Savior is one of His greatest attributes. Let this same patience be in you while He reveals not only the process of this study method but most importantly, the meaning and application of His eternal Word.

Lecture Notes: