**1 Timothy - Sussex GP TC**

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**Session 2: 1 Timothy 1v3-3v13 - Tackle the False Teachers**

1. **v1-2 – Greeting**

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| **1 Timothy 1v1-2****Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, 2 To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.** | **Exegetical Notes*** “an apostle”
* “God our Saviour”
* “my true son”
* “faith”=*pistis*- major theme 1 Tim
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1. **Silence and Discipline the False Teachers who Deny the Gospel: 1 Timothy 1v3-20**

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| **1 Timothy 1v3-20****3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer 4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work--which is by faith. 5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 6 Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. 7 They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. 8 We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. 9 We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, 10 for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers--and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine 11 that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me. 12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 18 Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. 20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.** | **Exegetical Notes***Paul’s exhortation to confront the false teachers** “command”
* “false doctrines”=other teachings
* “myths”- cf Titus 1v14 & 3v9
* “genealogies”
* “God’s work”
* “meaningless talk”
* “teachers of the law”

*Paul’s Contrast between the Law and the Gospel** “the sound doctrine”

*Paul’s Personal Experience of the Gospel* * Paul a paradigm of the gospel

*Pauls Summary of the Gospel* * “trustworthy saying”
* “full acceptance”
* “save sinners”
* “believe in him”
* “receive eternal life”

*Paul’s call to Timothy to Fight for the Gospel** “prophecies made about you” – cf 4v14
* “handed over to Satan” – 1 Cor 5v5
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*Preaching 1 Timothy 1v3-20*

* Purpose: “Sort out the church for the sake of the gospel”
* Point
* Practical Implications
* Persuasion
* Theme and Aim Sentence
1. **Ensure that the Church Prays with Gospel Priorities: 2v1-8**

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| **1 Timothy 2v1-8****I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle-- I am telling the truth, I am not lying--and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. 8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.** | **Exegetical Notes*** “for everyone”
* “peaceful and quiet lives”
* “all men to be saved”
* “one”
* “ransom for all men”
* “a herald”
* “the Gentiles”
* “men everywhere”
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1. **Silence Women from Teaching in the Church: 2v9-15**

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| **1 Timothy 2:9-15****I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, 10 but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. 11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. 15 But women will be saved through childbearing--if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.** | **Exegetical Notes*** “I also want”
* wealthy women in view here
* “good deeds”
* “learn”
* “quietness”
* “full submission”
* “teach”
* “have authority over”
* argument from creation and Fall
* “through childbearing”
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1. **Appoint Appropriate Leaders for the Church: 3v1-13**

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| **1 Timothy 3:1-13****Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. 8 Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. 9 They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. 11 In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. 12 A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. 13 Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.** | **Exegetical Notes*** “trustworthy saying”
* “overseer”
* “but one wife”
* character qualities of elders
* “able to teach”
* “not a lover of money”
* “manage his own family”
* “good reputation with outsiders”
* “deacons”
* “dishonest gain”
* “their wives”- or women deacons?
* “manage...his household well”
* the rewards of serving
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