**1 Timothy - Sussex GP TC**

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**Session 3: 1 Timothy 3v14-4v16 – Paul’s Exhortation: Be a “Good Minister”**

1. **3v14-15 - Pauls Purpose in Writing**

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| **1 Timothy 3:14-15**  **14 Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, 15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.** | **Exegetical Notes**   * “these instructions” * “God’s Household” * “pillar” * “foundation” |

1. **3v16 - The Triumph of Jesus & the Nature of Godliness**

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| **1 Timothy 3:16**  **16 Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.** | **Exegetical Notes**   * “the mystery” * “of godliness” * Incarnation – “in a body”=flesh * Resurrection – “vindicated”=justified * Ascension – cf 1 Pet 3v19? * proclamation * “in the world” * glorious reign |

1. **4v1-5 – The Goodness of Creation**

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| **1 Timothy 4:1-5**  **The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. 2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. 3 They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. 4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.** | **Exegetical Notes**   * “in later times” * “abandon” * “things taught by demons” * “abstain from” * “God created” * “be received” * “believe and know the truth” – i.e. gospel * cf Romans 14v15, 20; 1 Cor 8v8, 13 * “word of God” |

*Preaching 1 Timothy 3v14-4v5*

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* Point
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1. **4v-6-16 – The Life and Work of a Good Minister**

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| **1 Timothy 4:6-16**  **6 If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. 7 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. 8 For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 9 This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance 10 (and for this we labour and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, and especially of those who believe. 11 Command and teach these things. 12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. 14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. 15 Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. 16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.** | **Exegetical Notes**   * “good minister” * “brought up in”=nourished * “good teaching” * cf 1v4 * “train yourself” * “godliness” * “trustworthy saying” – i.e. v8 * “Saviour of all men” * “especially”= “precisely/namely” * “teach these things” * “set an example” * “public reading of Scripture” * “preaching” * “teaching” * “your gift” – cf 1v18 * “your progress” * “you will save” |

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