

Paul's Instructions to Timothy

- 1) Paul instructed Timothy in the first letter that he must:
 - a) Correct those teaching false doctrine and call them to a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith (1 Tim 1:3-5)
 - b) Fight for divine truth and for God's purposes, keeping his own faith a good conscience (1:18-19)
 - c) Pray for the lost and lead the men of the church to do the same (2:1-8).
 - d) Call women in the church to fulfill their God-given role of submission and to raise up godly children, setting an example of faith, love, and sanctity with self-restraint (2:9-15)
 - e) Carefully select spiritual leaders for the church on the basis of their giftedness, godliness, and virtue (3:1-13).
 - f) Recognize the source of error and those who teach it, and point these things out to the rest of the church (4:1-6).
 - g) Discipline himself for the purpose of godliness (4:7-11).
 - h) Boldly command and teach the truth of God's Word (4:12)
 - i) Be a model of spiritual virtue that all can follow (4:12).
 - j) Faithfully read, explain, and apply the Scriptures publicly (4:13-14).
 - k) Be progressing toward Christlikeness in his own life (4:15-16)
 - l) Be gracious and gentle in confronting the sin of his people (5:1-2)
 - m) Give special consideration and care to those who are widows (5:3-16).
 - n) Honor faithful church leaders who work hard (5:17-21)
 - o) Choose church leaders with great care, seeing to it that they are both mature and proven (5:22)
 - p) Take care of his physical condition so he is strong to serve (5-23)
 - q) Teach and preach principles of true godliness, helping his people discern between true godliness and mere hypocrisy (5:24-6:6)
 - r) Flee the love of money (6:7-11)
 - s) Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness (6:11)
 - t) Fight for the faith against all enemies and all attacks (6:12)
 - u) Instruct the rich to do good, to be rich in good works, and to be generous (6:17-19).
 - v) Guard the Word of God as a sacred trust and a treasure (6:20-21).
- 2) In Paul's second epistle to Timothy:
 - a) Keep the gift of God in him fresh and useful (2 Tim 1:6)
 - b) Not be timid but powerful (1:7).
 - c) Never be ashamed of Christ or anyone who serves Christ (1:8-11)
 - d) Hold tightly to the truth and guard it (1:12-14)
 - e) Be strong in character (2:1)
 - f) Be a teacher of apostolic truth so that he may reproduce himself in faithful men (2:2)
 - g) Suffer difficulty and persecution willingly while making the maximum effort for Christ (2:3-7).

- h) Keep his eyes on Christ at all times (2:8-13)
- i) Lead with authority (2:14)
- j) Interpret and apply Scripture accurately (2:15)
- k) Avoid useless conversation that leads only to ungodliness (2:16)
- l) Be an instrument of honor, set apart from sin and useful to the Lord (2:20-21)
- m) Flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, and love (2:22).
- n) Refuse to be drawn into philosophical and theological wrangling (2:23)
- o) Not argue, but be kind, teachable, gentle, and patient even when he is wronged (2:24-26)
- p) Face dangerous times with a deep knowledge of the Word of God (3:1-15)
- q) Understand that Scripture is the basis and content of all legitimate ministry (3:16-17)
- r) Preach the Word—in season and out of season—reproving, rebuking, and exhorting with great patience and instruction (4:1-2)
- s) Be sober in all things (4:5)
- t) Endure hardship (4:5)
- u) Do the work of an evangelist (4:5)