

1 Timothy: What to Do When Your Time is Short

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- How to _____ without him
- How to _____ a local church (assembly of believers) for the glory of God

1 Timothy 3:14-15 – *I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.*

1 Timothy is included in what is known as “The Pastoral Epistles.” These letters include 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. These two young preachers were led to Jesus through Paul’s ministry. Timothy and Titus served with Paul, and he disciplined them about the local church. Who is in the church because of your witness? Who is leading in the church because of your influence?

How is 1 Timothy outlined? What are the main themes?

Chapter One – The _____ of the church (its doctrine)

Chapter Two – The _____ of the church

Chapter Three – The _____ of the church

Chapter Four – The _____ of the church

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Chapter Six – The _____ of the church

If we’re going to turn everyday conversations into _____ conversations, then we need to know the gospel and be able to share His story and our stories.

1 Timothy 1:12-17 – *I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Keys to an effective testimony:

- Glorifies _____
- Reveals _____
- Offers _____
- Welcomes _____
- Becomes _____

Prayer isn't _____ for God's people. An effective church is a praying church. Paul shared personal insights on how to pray, who to pray for, and what prayer does.

1 Timothy 2:1-7 – *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.*

As a basic request, we need to pray for two categories of leaders: (1) _____. (2) _____.

God desires to use the _____. Are we reaching young people with the gospel? Are we discipling them in God's truth (more than games and pizza)? Are we equipping them for gospel ministry in the local church and to the nations?

1 Timothy 4:11-12 – *Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

What's needed to reach and disciple the next generation?

- _____
- _____
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- _____ / _____
- _____

Christian ministry demands a _____ that's different from the world. Paul spoke truth into Timothy's personal life and pastoral ministry. Who's speaking truth into your life and ministry?

1 Timothy 6:11 – *But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.*

- Are you a man or woman of _____?
- What are you pursuing in _____ and _____?

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Chapter Two – The **order** of the church

Chapter Three – The **officers** of the church

Chapter Four – The **apostasy** of the church

Chapter Five – The **behaviors** of the church

Chapter Six – The **fight** of the church

If we’re going to turn everyday conversations into **gospel** conversations, then we need to know the gospel and be able to share His story and our stories.

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Keys to an effective testimony:

- Glorifies **Jesus**
- Reveals **grace**
- Offers **hope**
- Welcomes **questions**
- Becomes **invitational**

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As a basic request, we need to pray for two categories of leaders: (1) **Political**. (2) **Spiritual**.

God desires to use the **next generation**. Are we reaching young people with the gospel? Are we discipling them in God's truth (more than games and pizza)? Are we equipping them for gospel ministry in the local church and to the nations?

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What's needed to reach and disciple the next generation?

- **Pray**
- **Relate**
- **Reach**
- **Disciple/Mentor**
- **Involve**

Christian ministry demands a **lifestyle** that's different from the world. Paul spoke truth into Timothy's personal life and pastoral ministry. Who's speaking truth into your life and ministry?

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- Are you a man or woman of **God**?
- What are you pursuing in **life** and **ministry**?