1 From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God, our Savior, and Christ Jesus, our hope.
2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith. Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 As I urged you when I left for Macedonia, stay at Ephesus, that you may instruct certain people there not to teach false doctrine,
4 or to waste time on myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculation, rather than God’s redemptive plan which is by faith.
5 But the goal of my instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith.
6 Some have deviated from these turning aside to meaningless discussion.
7 They desire to be teachers of the law, but they do not understand what they are saying, or what they so confidently affirm.
8 But we know that the law is good, if a person uses it legitimately.
9 We know this, that law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers and mothers, for murderers,
10 for sexually immoral, for practicing homosexuals, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching,
11 in accord with the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.
12 I thank him who enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, because he counted me faithful, appointing me to his service;
13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I received mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief,
14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed on me with faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.
15 This is a trustworthy saying, and deserves full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,”--of whom I am the worst.
16 This is why I obtained mercy, that in me, as the worst, Jesus Christ might show forth the extent of his patience, as an example for those who are going to believe on him and receive eternal life.
17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.
18 I commit this charge to you, Timothy, my child, according to the prophecies spoken about you, that by them you may fight the good fight,
19 grasping firmly on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected causing their faith to shipwreck.
20 Among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I handed over to Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.
1 I urge, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanks be made for all people;
2 for kings and all that are in high positions; that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
3 This prayer is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
4 who wants all people to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.
5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and humans, Christ Jesus, who himself was truly human.
6 He gave himself a ransom for all, this was attested at just the right time.
7 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.
8 I want men to pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without anger or disputing.
9 Similarly, women should dress in appropriate clothing, with modesty and propriety; not with braided hair, gold, pearls or expensive clothes,
10 but with good deeds as is proper for women professing godliness.
11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all submission.
12 But I do not allow a woman to teach, or to have authority over a man. She is rather to remain quiet.
13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.
14 Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived fell into transgression.
15 But she will be saved through her childbearing, if she continues in faith, love and holiness with modesty.
1 Timothy 3

1 This saying is trustworthy, “If a man seeks the office of an elder, he desires a good work.”
2 The elder, therefore, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,
3 not a drunkard, or violent but gentle, not contentious, or a lover of money.
4 He must manage his own home well, keeping his children under control with respect.
5 For if one does not know how to manage his own home, how can he take care of the church of God?
6 He should not be a new believer, or he may fall into the condemnation caused by the devil.
7 Moreover he must be well thought of by those who are outside the community of faith; so he will not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil.
8 Deacons, likewise must be respected, not two-faced, not heavy drinkers or greedy for money,
9 holding to the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.
10 Let these also first be tested, and then let them serve as deacons, if they prove blameless.
11 Similarly, their wives must be respected, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in everything.
12 Let deacons be husbands of one wife, managing their children and their own homes well.
13 For those who have served well as deacons gain for themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
14 These things write I to you, hoping to come to you soon,
15 but if I get delayed, I write that you may know how people ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.
16 There is no question this is a great mystery of our religion: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.
1 Timothy 4

1 But the Spirit says clearly, that in later times some will turn away from the faith, devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons,
2 through the hypocrisy of liars, whose consciences are seared as with a hot iron.
3 They forbid marriage, and command abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with thanksgiving.
5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
6 If you point out these things to the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith and of the good teaching which you have followed.
7 But have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales. Instead train yourself for godliness.
8 For “physical training has some value; but godliness is valuable for all things. It holds promise for the present life, and for that which is to come.”
9 This saying is trustworthy, and worthy of full acceptance.
10 For to this end we work hard and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of everyone, especially of those who believe.
11 Command and teach these things.
12 Let no one despise you because you are young; but set an example to those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faithfulness, and purity.
13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching.
14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands by the council of elders.
15 Pay attention to these things, give yourself totally to them, so that your progress may be apparent to everyone.
16 Keep a close watch on yourself, and to your teaching. Continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.
Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but appeal to him as a father. Talk to younger men as brothers,
to older women as mothers, and to the younger women as sisters, with all purity.
Honor widows who are truly in need.
But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show their religious duty towards their own family and repay their parents. For this is pleasing in the sight of God.
Now a widow who is truly in need and left all alone, has her hope set on God, and continues making requests and prayers night and day.
But the widow who lives only for her own pleasure is dead even while she lives.
Give these instructions so that they may be above criticism.
But if anyone does not provide for his own family, and especially his own immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
Let a widow be put on the list only if she is over sixty years old, having been a faithful wife.
She should be known for good deeds, as one who has raised children, shown hospitality, washed the feet of saints, cared for the afflicted and has devoted herself to all kinds of good works.
But refuse to put younger widows on the list, for their sensual desires may lead them away from Christ and they will want to marry.
They incur condemnation because they have broken their first pledge.
Besides that, they may learn to be idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but gossips and busybodies, saying things they ought not to.
I desire, therefore, that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage their homes so as to give no opportunity to the adversary for slander.
For some have already turned aside to follow Satan.
If any believing woman has widows in her own family, let her help them, and let not the church be burdened; so that it may help those who are truly needy widows.
Let the elders that rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work in preaching and teaching.
For the scripture says, “You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain.” And, “The laborer deserves his pay.”
Do not receive an accusation against an elder unless it is supported by two or three witnesses.
Those who sin should be rebuked in the sight of all so that the rest also may be warned by it.
I charge you in the sight of God, Christ Jesus, and the elect angels, that you observe these instructions without partiality, doing nothing by favoritism.
Do not ordain anyone hastily, or partake in another’s sins. Keep yourself pure.
Do not drink just water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent illnesses.
24 Some men's sins are obvious, leading them into judgment; and other's sins are exposed only later.
25 In like manner also there are good works that are obvious; and those that cannot be hidden very long.
1 Let as many as are under the yoke of slavery regard their own masters worthy of full honor, that the name of God and the teaching be not defamed.
2 Those who have believing masters, should not respect them less because they are brothers. Instead they should serve them all the more, because those who benefit from their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these things.
3 If anyone teaches differently, and does not agree with sound words, that is, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the teaching which promotes godliness;
4 he is conceited and knows nothing. Such a person has an unhealthy interest in questionings and disputes over words, which give rise to envy, strife, slander and evil suspicions.
5 The wranglings of those who are of a corrupt mind and bereft of the truth, lead them to imagine godliness is a way to wealth.
6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.
7 For we brought nothing into the world and so we cannot carry anything out.
8 But if we have food and clothing let us be content.
9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts that plunge people into destruction and ruin.
10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some craving it have wandered away from the faith, and have pierced themselves with many sorrows.
11 But you, man of God, flee these things. Instead pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.
12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Grasp tightly onto eternal life, to which you were called, and make a good confession in the sight of many witnesses.
13 I charge you in the sight of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate made his good confession.
14 Obey the commandment, without fault or blame, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 which he, who is the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, will reveal at just the right time.
16 He alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; whom no human has seen, nor can see. To him be honor and power, forever! Amen.
17 Charge those who are rich in this present world, not to be arrogant, or to have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who gives us richly all things for our enjoyment.
18 Direct them to do good, that they be rich in good works; to be generous and willing to share with others.
19 By doing this they will store up treasure for themselves as a solid foundation for the future, that they may lay hold onto true life.
20 O Timothy, guard that which has been entrusted to you. Avoid godless babblings and absurdities of their falsely labeled “knowledge,”
21 which some have professed wandering from the faith. Grace be with all of you.