



## Outline of 1 Timothy by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### **1 Timothy = "God-honoured"**

**GOD IS PERPETUAL  
BLUEPRINT FOR REDEMPTION**

#### **I. Keep the Church Pure 1:1 – 3:13**

##### **A. God Authorized Men 1:1-5**

1. Paul's apostleship authorized by God **1:1**
2. Timothy's "sonship" came from God **1:2**

##### **B. God Authorized Doctrine 1:3-11**

1. Singular doctrine **1:3-4**
2. Singular purpose **1:5-7**
  - a. love from a pure heart, good conscience, sincere faith **1:5**
  - b. cannot be taught by ignorant strayers **1:6-7**
3. Singular lives **1:8-11**
  - a. lawful use of law **1:8-9a**
  - b. law is the corrections institute **1:9b-10a**
  - c. "sound doctrine" = "glorious gospel" **1:10b-11**

##### **C. God Authorized Charge 1:12-20**

1. Paul's complete conversion is "a pattern" **1:12-17**
  - a. Christ Jesus believed in an ignorant unbeliever **1:12-13**
  - b. God's grace showed the way of faith and love **1:14-15**
  - c. mercy was given to Paul **1:16**
  - d. there is but one King-eternal, immortal, wise **1:17**
2. Others' gospel rejection is perversion **1:18-20**
  - a. Scripture aimed at Timothy's conversion and sin **1:18-19a**
  - b. Hymenaeus and Alexander are shipwrecked rejects **1:19b-20**

##### **D. God Authorized Worship 2:1-15**

1. Men's attitude seen by his prayers "first of all" **2:1-8**
  - a. "on behalf of" all men **2:1-2a**
  - b. to leave Christians alone **2:2b-3a**
  - c. God wants all men to know the truth and be saved **2:3b-4**
  - d. the only mediator between God and men: Jesus Christ **2:5-6**
  - e. Paul, the Gentiles' Apostle, wills men to pray **2:7-8**
2. Women's submissive attitude **2:9-15** Cf **3:4**
  - a. demonstrated by public wardrobe **2:9-10**
  - b. shown by attitude toward a man **2:11-12**
  - c. Creation, not re-creation, gives woman purpose **2:12-15**

## **E. God Authorized Organization 3:1-13**

1. Characteristics of overseers/inspectors **3:1-7**
  - a. within himself (as an individual) **3:1-3**
  - b. within his home **3:4-5**
  - c. within the church **3:6**
  - d. within the community **3:7**
2. Characteristics of deacons **3:8-10**
  - a. men of conscience **3:8**
  - b. men of conviction **3:9**
  - c. men of consistency **3:10**
  - d. men of cooperative homes **3:11-13**

## **II. Keep Timothy Pure 3:14 – 6:21**

### **A. True Faith 3:14 – 4:11**

1. Maintains conduct in "the house of God" **3:14-15**
2. Centers on Jesus Christ as God in the flesh **3:16**

### **B. False Faith 4:1-11**

1. There are departures "from the faith" **4:1-5**
  - a. doctrinal source is deception and demons **4:1**
  - b. doctrinally unconcerned **4:2**
  - c. doctrine contrariness **4:3-5**  
(1 forbidding marriage [monasticism, holy orders, etc.]  
(forbidding meats [vegetarians, unclean distinctions, etc.]
2. There is departure from "godliness" for "gymnastics" **4:6-11**

### **C. Applied Faith 4:12-6:21**

1. To youth **4:12**
2. To doctrine **4:13-16**
3. To elderly **5:1-2**
4. To widows **5:3-16**
  - a. family care for its own widows **5:3-8**
  - b. church care for "she who is really a widow, and left alone" **5:5,9-10,16**
  - c. younger widows should marry and avoid sin **5:6,11-15**
5. To elders **5:17-20**
  - a. who "rule" and preach should be doubly supported **5:17-18**
  - b. may be appropriately accused, if sinning **5:19-20**
6. To all equally **5:21-23**
7. To all sins **5:24-25**
8. To employers and employees **6:1-2**
9. To teachers of the doctrine: gain over godliness **6:3-19**
  - a. contrary to "the words of our Lord Jesus Christ" **6:3**
  - b. contrary to proper attitude and preparation **6:4-5a**
  - c. contrary to using godliness for gain **6:5b-10**
  - d. contrary to confession of Christ Jesus **6:11-16**
  - e. contrary to faith in God for riches **6:17-19**

### **D. Dire Faith 6:20-21**

## 1 Timothy's Tidings:

- "Mercy" is added to the customary church epistle greeting of "grace and peace." **1:2**
- Timothy, a native of Lystra in Lycaonia (**Acts 14:6; 16:1**), was spiritually a "bastard" to the Jews because his mother was Jewish but his father was Greek (**Acts 16:1**), his character, however, was perfectly acceptable (**Acts 16:2-3a**). He was circumcised that he might move freely among unconverted Jews (**Acts 16:3**).
- Three times Paul introduces divine truth with the phrase, "a faithful saying:"
  - (1) **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners 1:15;**
  - (2) **A man desiring to be an "elder" seeks a good work 3:1;**
  - (3) **Godliness, not bodily exercise, promises life to come 4:9.**
- Six incontrovertible "mysteries" about Jesus Christ, revealed in the New Testament, are set forth in one single verse -- **I Timothy 3:16**:
  - (1) **God was manifested in the flesh;**
  - (2) **Justified in the Spirit;**
  - (3) **Seen by angels;**
  - (4) **Preached among the Gentiles;**
  - (5) **Believed on in the world;**
  - (6) **Received up in glory.**
  - (7) **[The seventh is His second coming and Judgment Day -- something that is yet to happen and, thus, unrevealed.]**