

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 1:1-7 Lesson #1

\*\*INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

1-2 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, to **TIMOTHY, my true SON in the FAITH**: grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

• **II Corinthians 1:1-2** “Paul, an \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which is at Corinth, with all the \_\_\_\_\_ who are in Achaia: \_\_\_\_\_ to you and \_\_\_\_\_ from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Definition: “TIMOTHY, my true SON in the FAITH”** – Paul had led Timothy to faith in Jesus Christ, so that is why Paul refers to him as his “son in the faith”. He was not Paul’s son by blood, but by faith in Christ. Paul helped Timothy to come to Christ and be born again, so he feels like **his spiritual father** and calls him his “son” in that sense, but Timothy is still his **BROTHER** in Christ, as well. In some of Paul’s epistles, Timothy is traveling with Paul, since Paul says “and Timothy” when beginning his letter, such as to the Colossian church.

• **Colossians 1:1-2** “\_\_\_\_\_, an \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ by the will of God, \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_. To the \_\_\_\_\_ and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

• **I Timothy 1:1** “Paul, an \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, according to the promise of \_\_\_\_\_ which is in Christ \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, my beloved \_\_\_\_\_: grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”

• **Acts 16:1** “Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain \_\_\_\_\_ was there, named \_\_\_\_\_, the son of a certain \_\_\_\_\_ woman who \_\_\_\_\_, but his father was \_\_\_\_\_. He was \_\_\_\_\_ spoken of by the \_\_\_\_\_ who were at Lystra and Iconium.”

3-4 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia – **REMAIN in EPHESUS** that you may charge some **that they TEACH NO OTHER doctrine, nor give heed to FABLES and endless GENEALOGIES**, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

• **Ephesians 1:1-2** “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at \_\_\_\_\_, and to the faithful in \_\_\_\_\_: Grace to you and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ;”

**Definition: “REMAIN in EPHESUS”** – Church history, and the writings of Paul, tell us that Timothy was the pastor of the main church in the city of Ephesus, and Paul writes two letters to Timothy (the books of First and Second Timothy) when Timothy is a young pastor of that church. When Timothy was still a young convert, he traveled with Paul for several years. **Now, he is still a fairly young man, and a new pastor, and Paul is giving him instructions in the book of First Timothy**, on how he should conduct himself as a pastor and leader of the church.

• **I Timothy 3:14-15** “These things I \_\_\_\_\_ to you, though I hope to

\_\_\_\_\_ to you shortly; but if I am \_\_\_\_\_, I write \_\_\_\_\_ that you may \_\_\_\_\_ how to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living \_\_\_\_\_, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

• **Revelation 2:1-3** “To the angel of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: “I know your \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_ your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have \_\_\_\_\_, and have \_\_\_\_\_ for My \_\_\_\_\_ sake and have not become weary.””

**Definition: “TEACH NO OTHER doctrine, nor give heed to FABLES and endless GENEALOGIES”** – Paul was concerned that **Timothy only teach correct doctrine about Jesus Christ**, and warned him **NOT to ALLOW ANYONE to teach any corrupted or perverted forms of doctrine in his church**. The warning against **“FABLES and endless GENEALOGIES”** refers to certain teachings in that day that were being added to biblical doctrine (teaching) about Jesus. Fables means stories that have no basis in truth, such as “fairly tales”, and genealogies means going back and researching someone’s family history. We know what Jesus’ family history and genealogy was, but Paul mentions ENDLESS genealogies, as if some people were getting stuck on this subject, and were not going on to maturity in Christ. **Paul also says that these things “cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith”, which means they are worthless for spiritual growth.**

• **I Timothy 4:6-7** “If you \_\_\_\_\_ the brethren in these things, you will be a good \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, nourished in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ which you have carefully followed. But \_\_\_\_\_ profane and old wife’s \_\_\_\_\_, and exercise yourself rather to \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Matthew 15:3** “But He answered and said to them, ‘Why do you also transgress (disobey) the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ because of your \_\_\_\_\_?’” (Verses 8-9) “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the \_\_\_\_\_ of men.”

• **Matthew 28:19-20** “Go therefore and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ them to observe (OBEY) all things that I have commanded you.”

• **Ephesians 4:20-21** “But you have not so \_\_\_\_\_ Christ; if so be that you have heard Him, and have been \_\_\_\_\_ by Him, as the \_\_\_\_\_ is in Jesus.”

5-7 Now the purpose of the commandment is **LOVE from a PURE HEART, from a GOOD CONSCIENCE**, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, **DESIRING to be TEACHERS of the LAW, understanding NEITHER WHAT they SAY NOR the things which they AFFIRM.**

• **Romans 13:8-10** “Owe no one anything except to \_\_\_\_\_ one another, for he who \_\_\_\_\_ another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not \_\_\_\_\_, You shall not \_\_\_\_\_, You shall not steal, You shall not bear \_\_\_\_\_, You shall not \_\_\_\_\_, and if there is any \_\_\_\_\_,

are all \_\_\_\_\_ up in this saying, namely, 'You shall \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor as \_\_\_\_\_.'

• **Romans 2:17-21** "Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the \_\_\_\_\_, and make your boast in God, and \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_, and approve the things that are excellent, being \_\_\_\_\_ out of the law, and are \_\_\_\_\_ that you yourself are a \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are in \_\_\_\_\_, an \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. You therefore, who \_\_\_\_\_ another, do you not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?"

**Definition: "LOVE from a PURE HEART, from a GOOD CONSCIENCE"** – "Love from a pure heart" is pretty much self-explanatory, so let's look at what it means by having a "good conscience." **Every person, saved or unsaved, has a conscience that gives them a knowledge of right and wrong, and produces guilt when violated. It is a built-in warning system from God, but it can become desensitized.** When a person violates his conscience enough times, it eventually becomes scarred, or seared (I Timothy 4:2) and that person no longer feels any guilt. Those described in Ephesians 4:19, "Who **being past FEELING**, have given themselves over to licentiousness (no moral restraint), to work all uncleanness with greediness," are people who no longer feel their conscience, and they have no remorse (feeling sorry) for doing wrong. I believe the conscience of an unsaved person is the last vestige of his or her being made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). For the Christian, the Bible seems to indicate that our conscience is now working together with the Holy Spirit speaking to us.

• **Romans 9:1** "I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my \_\_\_\_\_ also bearing me witness in the \_\_\_\_\_."

• **I Tim. 4:1-2** "...some will \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of \_\_\_\_\_, speaking \_\_\_\_\_ in hypocrisy, having their own \_\_\_\_\_ with a hot iron."

• **John 8:8-9** "And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being \_\_\_\_\_ by their \_\_\_\_\_, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst."

• **Titus 1:15** "To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Hebrews 9:14** "How much more shall the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge (cleanse) your \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ works to serve the living God?"

**Definition: "DEAD WORKS"** – **DEAD WORKS** are **religious works** or **good deeds** done in the **power of the flesh**, and a person who is operating in their FLESH, and not in FAITH and the power of the Holy Spirit, **CANNOT** do ANYTHING that will be pleasing to God (Rom. 8:8). Before we are born again by faith in Jesus Christ, we are all DEAD in our sins, and all our works are DEAD works. This is why there is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ, because it is NOT the keeping of laws, commandments, rules, ordinances, or ANY OUTWARD CONDUCT that makes a person RIGHTEOUS. There must be **an INWARD CHANGE, a NEW BIRTH, a CREATION by GOD** of a completely NEW PERSON, for someone to be a part of His Kingdom (John 3:3, Ephesians 2:4-5 & 8-9).

• **Hebrews 6:1** "Therefore, leaving [*behind*] the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection (maturity), not laying again the \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ works and of \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.”

• **Romans 8:8** “So then, those who are \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ please \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “DESIRING to be TEACHERS of the LAW, understanding NEITHER WHAT they SAY NOR the things which they AFFIRM”** – Jesus had many things to say about the Pharisees and how they taught the people certain things, but then did not keep the commandments themselves (saying one thing and then doing the opposite is called “hypocrisy” or being a HYPOCRITE). It seems this problem was also carried over into the church in Paul’s time, and he addresses the problem to Timothy, telling him to beware of these false teachers. Jesus had a lot to say against the sin of hypocrisy! To the Jewish leaders of His day, the Pharisees, **He condemned them for appearing righteous on the outside, but on the INSIDE, in their HEARTS, they were full of sin and unrighteousness.**

• **Matthew 23:23** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, \_\_\_\_\_! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have \_\_\_\_\_ the weightier (more important) matters of the law: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”

• **Matthew 23:25-30** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, \_\_\_\_\_! For you cleanse the \_\_\_\_\_ of the cup and dish, but \_\_\_\_\_ they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, \_\_\_\_\_! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful \_\_\_\_\_, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all \_\_\_\_\_. Even so \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ appear \_\_\_\_\_ to men, but inside you are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and lawlessness. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, \_\_\_\_\_! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.’”

• **II Peter 2:1-2** “But there were also \_\_\_\_\_ prophets among the people, even as there will be \_\_\_\_\_ among you, who will secretly bring in destructive \_\_\_\_\_, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

• **Matthew 23:13-15** “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, \_\_\_\_\_! For you \_\_\_\_\_ up the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, \_\_\_\_\_! For you devour widow’s houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ condemnation. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, \_\_\_\_\_! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ as yourselves.”

**Definition: “Secretly bring in DESTRUCTIVE HERESIES”** – Heresy means “any religious belief that is in opposition to the true, orthodox doctrines of the church.” These false teachers very subtly and secretly bring in their false teachings. “Denying the Lord who bought them” means that, although they use the name of Jesus, and read out of the Bible, it is a different Jesus, and they do not believe that His blood BOUGHT and paid for their sins - their teachings are a works-related religion.

• **Galatians 5:19-20** “Now the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, \_\_\_\_\_.”