

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 1:18-20 & 2:1-4 Lesson #3

\*\*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.

18-20 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them **you may WAGE the good WARFARE**, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, **concerning the FAITH have SUFFERED SHIPWRECK**, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, **whom I DELIVERED to SATAN that they may LEARN NOT to BLASPHEME**.

• **I Corinthians 5:1-5** “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is \_\_\_\_\_ even \_\_\_\_\_ among the Gentiles - that a man has his father’s \_\_\_\_\_! And you are puffed up (with pride), and have not rather mourned, that he who has \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ might be taken away from you (put out of the church). For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already \_\_\_\_\_, as though I were present, concerning him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ, , to \_\_\_\_\_ such a one to \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, that his \_\_\_\_\_ may be \_\_\_\_\_ in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

**Definition: “Whom I DELIVERED to SATAN that they may LEARN NOT to BLASPHEME”** - Paul is NOT saying that he is delivering someone over to Satan that they should go to hell, but **rather that they should LEARN not to sin**. We see this also in First Corinthians, and also in the story of Job in the Old Testament. The man in first Corinthians is a believer and a member of the church, but he was living in sin, committing incest with his father’s wife. **Paul gave Satan PERMISSION to bring TRIALS and TESTING to the man in the Corinthian church, in his FLESH**, but states clearly that this same man will be **SAVED** and go to heaven when Jesus returns. In Job’s case, Satan insulted God by saying that Job only obeyed Him because God blessed him so much, so it was a time of testing, and NOT because of any sin in his life. In both cases, the man in the Corinthian church later repented and was restored into the church fellowship, and Job was restored to health and received twice as much as he had before in blessings from God. Evidently, in the case of Hymenaeus and Alexander, a time of testing from **SATAN was prescribed so that they might LEARN NOT to BLASPHEME and say or teach WRONG things about God**.

• **Job 1:7-12** “And the Lord said to \_\_\_\_\_, ‘From where do you come?’ So \_\_\_\_\_ answered the Lord and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’ Then the Lord said to \_\_\_\_\_, ‘Have you considered my servant \_\_\_\_\_, that there is none like him on the earth, a \_\_\_\_\_ and upright (righteous) man, one who fears God and shuns evil?’ So \_\_\_\_\_ answered the Lord and said, ‘Does \_\_\_\_\_ fear God for \_\_\_\_\_? Have you not made a \_\_\_\_\_ around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have \_\_\_\_\_ the work of his hands, and his \_\_\_\_\_ have increased in the land. But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely \_\_\_\_\_ You to Your face!’ So the \_\_\_\_\_ said to \_\_\_\_\_, ‘Behold, all that he has is in your \_\_\_\_\_; only do \_\_\_\_\_ lay a hand on his \_\_\_\_\_.’ Then \_\_\_\_\_ went out from the presence of the Lord.”

• **Job 42:10** “And the \_\_\_\_\_ Job’s \_\_\_\_\_

when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the \_\_\_\_\_ gave \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as much as he had before.”

**Definition: “Such SEXUAL IMMORALITY as is NOT even NAMED among the GENTILES - that a man has his father’s WIFE!”** – Gentiles usually means non-Jews, but in this context, it means any non-believers. In Ephesians Chapter 5, they are called the “sons of disobedience”. Basically, Paul is saying that **the sin this man is committing is worse than even the non-believers would do**, and that is sleeping with his father’s wife (probably not his mother, but a step-mother).

• **Ephesians 5:3-13** “But \_\_\_\_\_ and all \_\_\_\_\_ or covetousness, \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ even be \_\_\_\_\_ among you, as is fitting for \_\_\_\_\_; neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no \_\_\_\_\_, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the \_\_\_\_\_ of God comes upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ as children of \_\_\_\_\_ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), proving what is acceptable to the Lord. And have \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship with the unfruitful \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but rather expose them. For it is \_\_\_\_\_ even to \_\_\_\_\_ of those things which are done by them (the unbelievers) in \_\_\_\_\_. But all things that are \_\_\_\_\_ are made manifest by the \_\_\_\_\_, for whatever makes manifest is \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “That you may WAGE the good WARFARE”** – We have battles with the world, the flesh, and the devil. Sometimes, we are too quick to blame the devil for our problems **rather than examining ourselves to see what EVIL still LURKS in our own SOULS and in our FLESH - the physical body**. When James speaks about the **“DESIRES for PLEASURE that WAR in your members”** he is speaking about leftovers and hangovers from our old sin nature that still reside in our fleshly body, and in our minds, if we do not renew our minds with the word of God. It is a **constant BATTLE or WAR** to keep the flesh from being in control. Yes, the devil certainly does know our weak points and what “buttons to push” in order to tempt us, and sometimes it is the “fiery darts of the evil one” (Eph. 6:16), and we must extinguish them by putting up the “shield of faith.” Other times, it is just that **we are ALLOWING our CARNAL MIND and fleshly emotions to carry us away** (see Isaiah 64:6 - “our iniquities, like the wind, CARRY US AWAY”). Iniquity means DOING OUR OWN WILL, or GOING OUR OWN WAY (see Isaiah 53:6). **The way to FIGHT this WAR is to SUBMIT your mind, will and emotions to God, and present your BODY to Him** as a living sacrifice. **The transformation in your life** will come as your mind is renewed with the word of God, and your body is surrendered to the Lord completely.

• **I Peter 2:11** “Beloved, I \_\_\_\_\_ you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain (stay away) from fleshly \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **II Corinthians 10:3-5** “For though we walk in the \_\_\_\_\_, we do not \_\_\_\_\_ according to the flesh. For the weapons of our \_\_\_\_\_ are not carnal (merely human), but \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ for pulling down of strongholds; casting down arguments (imagination), and every high thing that exalts itself \_\_\_\_\_ the knowledge of God, bringing every \_\_\_\_\_ into captivity (taking control of) to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Romans 7:23** “But I see another law in my \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which

is in my \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Ephesians 6:11-12** “Put on the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be able to stand \_\_\_\_\_ the wiles of the devil. For we do \_\_\_\_\_ wrestle (fight, go to WAR with) against \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but against principalities, against powers, against the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

• **John 2:15-17** “Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ or the things in the \_\_\_\_\_. If anyone loves the \_\_\_\_\_, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the \_\_\_\_\_ – the lust of the \_\_\_\_\_, the lust of the eyes, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of life – is not of the \_\_\_\_\_ but is of the \_\_\_\_\_. And the \_\_\_\_\_ is passing away, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of it; but he who does the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ abides forever.”

## Chapter 2

1-2 Therefore I exhort first of all that **SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, intercessions, and giving of THANKS be made for all men, for KINGS and all who are in AUTHORITY**, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

• **Peter 4:7** “But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Ephesians 6:18** “\_\_\_\_\_ always with all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints”

• **Matthew 26:41** “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit (OUR spirit) indeed is willing, but the flesh is \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Luke 21:34-36** “But take heed to yourselves, lest your \_\_\_\_\_ be weighed down with carousing (partying), \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. \_\_\_\_\_, therefore, and \_\_\_\_\_ always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

• **Colossians 4:2-4** “Continue \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile \_\_\_\_\_ also for me that God would open to us a door for the \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.”

**Definition: “SUPPLICATION”** — Prayer that is HUMBLY and EARNEST (Fervent prayer with deep, sincere emotion or feeling, even tears).

• **James 5:16** “Confess your trespasses one to another, and \_\_\_\_\_ for one another that you may be \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ prayer of a righteous man avails (accomplishes) much.”

• **Philippians 4:6-7** “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_, let your \_\_\_\_\_ be made known to God; and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which surpasses all understanding, will \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and minds through Christ Jesus.”

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**Definition: “ALL KINDS OF PRAYER”** — Just in the verses above, we have mentioned several KINDS of prayer: **supplication, intercessions** (praying for someone else), giving of **thanks**,

petitions or **requests** (asking for our own needs). Here, Paul tells Timothy (and all of us) that we need to pray **“for KINGS and all who are in AUTHORITY.”** This does NOT mean just those leaders that we like or are in agreement with their policies, because the reason for the prayer is **“that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”** Also, there is the **prayer of praise and worship, spiritual warfare prayer, confession of sin, and JUST HAVING A QUIET TIME and CONVERSATION WITH GOD.**

**Definition: “PRAYING in the SPIRIT”** – The **Holy Spirit helps us** in our praying **when we really get SERIOUS about prayer.** This is not talking about the selfish or foolish requests we sometimes ask of God (see James 4:2-3), but when we are **sincere and earnest,** we don’t have to worry about “not praying correctly” or “following a certain prayer formula” – just let God “fill in the blanks”.

• **Romans 8:26-27** “Likewise the \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should \_\_\_\_\_ for as we ought, but the \_\_\_\_\_ makes \_\_\_\_\_ for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ knows what the mind of the \_\_\_\_\_ is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

3-4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of **GOD our SAVIOR, who DESIRES all men to be SAVED and to come to the KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH.**

• **II Peter 3:9** “The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ slack (slow) concerning His \_\_\_\_\_, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, \_\_\_\_\_ that any should \_\_\_\_\_, but that \_\_\_\_\_ should come to \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **John 3:16** “For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that He \_\_\_\_\_ His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not \_\_\_\_\_ but have \_\_\_\_\_ life.”

• **Luke 24:46-47** “Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ the third day, and that \_\_\_\_\_ and remission of sins should be preached in His \_\_\_\_\_ to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.’”

**Definition: “GOD our SAVIOR, who DESIRES all men to be SAVED”** – This does NOT mean that all people everywhere WILL be SAVED and go to heaven, **but it is God’s DESIRE that all people would REPENT and BELIEVE in Jesus, so that they COULD be saved.** It is our responsibility as Christians to **WARN people about God’s judgment, and give them the GOOD NEWS that Jesus can save them from their sins and from going to hell.** If they don’t believe, God does not hold that against us, and it’s not our fault. God says to Ezekiel, ‘I have NO PLEASURE in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked [should] turn (REPENT) from his way and LIVE.’ This means God is not happy when He has to send people to hell, but they have made their own CHOICE, and they have been warned, but they decided to go their own way, and reject God’s way. • **Ezekiel 33:8-9** “When I say to the \_\_\_\_\_, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ speak to \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will \_\_\_\_\_ at your \_\_\_\_\_. Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.”

• **Ezekiel 33:11** “Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the \_\_\_\_\_ God, ‘I have \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked, but that the wicked [should] turn from his way and \_\_\_\_\_. Turn, turn from your evil \_\_\_\_\_! For why

should you die, O house of Israel?”