Be Orderly

1 Timothy

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False Teaching



False Teaching

But can we defeat heresy?

"When we obey God, we're not doing it for God. We're doing it for ourselves....
Just do good for your own self. Do good
because God wants you to be happy."



—Victoria Osteen—

How to Get Rich By Lying to Christians

> 7 Steps to duping Christians by Preaching a False Gospel



Should we put our heads in the sand?



Should we have an all-out assault?



Should we see how God says to defeat heresy?



Key Verse

"... I am writing you these instructions so that...you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth" (3:14-15).



Main Idea

We can defeat heresy by obeying God's priorities for church order.

What are God's priorities for church order?



Theme

Church Order Priorities



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Orderly means...

What are other words for be orderly?



Manage, control, direct, act correctly, act with decorum, be civil, be good, be nice, be on best behavior



🔰 Thesaurus.plus



Paul's Post-Acts Journey

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You cannot make everything priority

TOP PRIORITIES

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...for order

I. Teach the Law accurately and recall **God's grace** to you (Chapter 1).

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, ² To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer ⁴ or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work which is by faith.

⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. ⁷ They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. ⁸ We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. ⁹ We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers,

¹⁰ for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine ¹¹ that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¹⁸ Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, ¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. ²⁰ Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.



Legalism

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II. Require proper public worship led by godly leaders (Chs 2–3).



I TIMOTHY 2

Controversy: The role of women in public worship





<u>Literalism</u>

Enthroning Truth+Culture
2:8 Men must always lift up their hands when they pray.
2:9-10 Women must never plait their hair

- or wear jewelry.
- 2:11-12 In no circumstances may
 - women teach men.

<u>Liberalism</u>

Dismissing Truth+Culture All the things in this chapter are out of date and irrelevant, merely temporary regulations to meet a given situation.



Distinguish between Culture and Truth

<u>Culture</u>

Changeable Time bound to biblical author and audience Provides analytical details Concrete and Specific

Truth & Changeless & Timeless

Provides integrated truth

Universal and General



MEN'S PRAYER 2:8



Duties of men in relation to prayer





MOMEN'S ADORNMENT

Culture

Their clothing, hairstyle and jewelry may vary according to culture

Truth

2:9-10

Always and everywhere women must adorn themselves with modesty, decency, propriety, and good deeds

"¹¹A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent." - 1 Timothy 2:11-12


"I'll preach on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Easter. You can have 'The Role of Women in the Church,' 'Tongues Speaking for Today,' 'Biblical Inerrancy,' and our special 'Fund Drive Sunday.'"

Egalitarians

NT Wright Ben Witherington III Gordon Fee Scot McKnight **Ruth A. Tucker** Walter C. Kaiser **Jim Wallis Rachel Held Evans Gilbert Bilezikian**

Complementarians

J.I. Packer **Tim Keller** John F. MacArthur C.S. Lewis **John Piper John Wimber** Mark Driscoll **Elisabeth Elliot Douglas Wilson**

Common Ground

- This isn't as fundamental as the virgin birth, deity of Christ, salvation by grace...
- We all agree to disagree in love
- We all learn from God's Word through others in public settings

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Learn peacefully and respectfully



Q: But Why did Paul prohibit women from teaching men in public worship?

A: Because they were less educated?



1 Timothy 2:11-15 NIV

¹¹A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. ¹⁵But women {Gr. she} will be saved {or restored} through childbearing-- if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.



- Basis for women's submission: The Fall 2:14
 Misconception: Women were shown in the Fall as prone to deception and so should not teach men.
 Objection: If women are by nature gullible, they ought to be disqualified from teaching anyone, not just men, whereas Paul refers to the special role of women in teaching both children and younger women (Titus 2:4).
- Truth: Eve's sin in the fall was not only that she was deceived, but that she usurped Adam's authority and thus reversed their respective roles.

CONCLUSION 1 TIMOTHY 2:11-14

God's creation order shows male leadership (13) Eve's deception (14) Family order (15)

1 Timothy 3

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Chuck Swindoll, Excellence in Ministry (Fullerton, CA; Insight for Living, 1985), 39

How Should Churches Select Leaders?

- Scriptural Examples: Congregation decides/nominates
 - a. APOSTLES
 - Acts 1:12-26 congregational selection, apostolic appointment
 - b. DEACONS
 Acts 6:3 congregational
 selection, apostolic appointment

Appointment of church officers: 223

- 2. An apostle (e.g., Paul) or his assistants ordained the elders
 - a. Acts 14:23
 - b. Titus 1:5



What about Elder Qualifications?





b)



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General reputation

(Perceived character)

a) Above reproach $\left(\mathbf{O}\right)$ Good reputation with outsiders (O) Respectable (O & D)**C**)



II. Family life (if married) a) Having 1 wife (O & D) b) Wife must be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything (D) c) See that his children obey (O & D)





REQUIRED QUALITIES OF AN OVERSEER (O) OR DEACON (D)

III. Negative characteristics

- a) Not quick tempered
 - b) Not violent
 - c) Not quarrelsome
 - d) Not a new convert



- e) Not pursuing dishonest gain (O & D)
- f) Not addicted to wine; temperate (O & D)



a)

b)

C)

d)



(O)

O

(D)

(D)

IV. Positive characteristics

Hospitable Sensible Tested Sincere

V. Able to Teach





- Qualifications relate only to men
- All qualifications are essential and of equal importance Qualifications refer to present life of the leader
- Who are they? Overseers (Elders, Bishops, Pastors) and Deacons
- If the leader fails, he must step down
- Qualifications emphasize character over abilities (only 2 traits involve ability)
- Emphasize managing of home over work
- Must be qualified so that:

- **1. they can give godly direction**
- 2. the church can avoid problems that come from bad or inept leaders

Elders led from the time of Moses

Elders led with Moses 1400 BC

"Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them..." (Exod. 3:16)



God has advocated group leadership through the ages









Pastoral Leadership of an Elder:

(a) Elders teach:

- 1. "Shepherd the flock" (Acts 20:28)
- 2. "Able to teach" (1 Thess. 5:12; 1 Tim.
 3:2; Titus 1:9b)

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- **3.** Scriptural foundation (Tit. 1:9a)
- 4. Teach God's plan (Acts 20:20, 27)
- 5. Get paid for teaching (1 Tim. 5:17)

Three Shepherd Tasks of Elders 236c1

Teaching_

1 Tim. 3:2; 5:17

Model 1: Senior Pastor over Deacons



Model 2: Senior Pastor alongside Deacons



Model 3: Deacons lead elders/pastors



Model 4: Elder Board leads Deacon Board



Apostles over "The Seven"



Model 5: Elders with Deacon Committees



Three Shepherd Tasks of Elders^{236c1}

Teaching_

1 Tim. 3:2; 5:17

Pastor-Teacher

Eph. 4:11

Pastoring (Protect & Lead) 1 Pet. 5:1-4 Acts 20:29, 35 1 Thess. 5:12

Three Shepherd Tasks of Elders 236c1

Administration (Serve, care for & testify)

> 1 Tim. 3:1, 4-5; 5:17

Episkopos = Epi "over" + skopos "look" = `"watch over" Teaching 1 Tim

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Pastor-

Teacher

Shared Leadership 236c Scriptural support for a plurality.of elders: plurality Not One But Many... Elder...





Summary on Elders

Therefore, the New Testament presents an elder whose functions are to teach, pastor and administer.


1 Timothy 4

III. Guard your personal life and doctrine closely (Chap. 4).





RESPONSE TO FALSE TEACHERS AND TEACHINGS

Discipline: Deliver the false teachers over to Satan "to be taught not to blaspheme" (1:20)

Constructive teaching: Combat false asceticism by teaching that everything God created is good, and so should be received with thanksgiving (4:4-6)



Godly living: Train yourself to be godly (4:7)



Faithful Work: Turn away from godless chatter and pointless controversies (6:20) and further the work of God (1:4, 5)

IV. Meet the needs of various church groups (5:1–6:10).



1 Timothy 5

Three Types of Elders

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Tim. 5:17 NIV).

Teach, protect, lead, serve, testify Unpaid or \$ PAID

ALL ELDERS

or \$ if Needed

> PREACHERS & TEACHERS

MANAGERS

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Macedonia Paul Wrote 1 Timothy AD 62 For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages" (1 Timothy 5:18).

Paul Called Luke's Gospel "Scripture" within 5 years!

 Caesarea

 Luke Written

 AD 57-59

Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages... (Luke 10:7)

1 Timothy 6

V. Don't let the love of money ruin your spiritual life (6:11-21).



Promote controversies and fruitless discussions rather than God's work (1:4-6)

*****Result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction (6: 4,5)

People wander away from the faith (6:21)





\$\$ MONEY \$\$

One of the false teachings: "Men who have been robbed of the truth think that godliness is a means to financial gain" (6:5)

They were exploiting the church get



THE GOSPEL IS TO BE TOLD, NOT SOLD



Joel Osteen - Net Worth \$40 Million



Creflo Dollar – Net Worth \$27 Million



Senny Hinn - Net Worth \$42 Million



T.D. Jakes - Net Worth \$150 Million



Joyce Meyer – Net Worth \$25 Million



Kenneth Copeland – Net Worth Unknown; boasts that he is a billionaire



- False teachers are warned who use godliness as a means to financial gain (6:5).
 - The love of money is the root of all kinds
 of evil (6:10).

 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap (6:9).





Job's example (Job 1:21):

"For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tim. 6:7)





- Paul's example:
 - Pharisee from a prominent family
 - Gave up wealth and security when he went into the ministry
- **But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these (6:8).**
 - Greek word for clothing is general enough to include shelter
 - Needs: Food, water, clothing and shelter

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CHURCH ORDER

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1 TIMOTHY

(is maintained by giving priority to...)

Combat False Teachers	Uphold Church Life	Guard Life & Doctrine	Advise Church Groups	Resist Materialism
Chapter 1	Chapters 2–3	Chapter 4	5:1–6:10	6:11-21
Doctrine	Worship	Example	Respect	Priorities
Warning	People	Warning	People	Warning
Salutation Fight heresies God's grace Charge	Prayer Gender Roles Leader Qualities Purpose of Epistle	Future heresy Watch life Watch doctrine	Respect everyone Widows Elders Slaves False teachers	Spiritual goals Wealthy must give Closing charge
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