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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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## God's Gift of Leadership A Study in 1 Timothy

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### Next Series

- **The Early Martyrs**
  - *Three Part Series*
  - *Led by Bro Don Smarto*
  - *June 7, 14 & 21*
- **2 Timothy - Perseverance in Leadership**
  - *Led by James Haymon*
  - *June 28th through August 2nd*

## REVIEW AND SUMMARY

### 1 TIMOTHY

Let's suppose that you were Timothy, and that you had just finished reading Paul's first epistle to you while at Ephesus. What would you think? How would you feel? Paul was a spiritual father to Timothy. They had spent years together in ministry. Often, they were together, but for a time they were separated. Timothy was given a challenging assignment. He was to act on Paul's behalf, with Paul's authority. He was to identify false teachers and to silence them. He was undoubtedly experiencing resistance, and perhaps open attack, by those who had departed from the gospel. He was a young man, and he may well have questioned whether or not he was up to the task.

**Paul's letter was a word of encouragement from a dear and trusted friend and mentor.** Paul was the one who selected Timothy to accompany him on his missionary journeys. **Paul was the one who trusted Timothy, sending him to various churches to act as his personal spokesman. While Paul was concerned about the Ephesian church and the false teachers who had emerged, he was greatly concerned about Timothy, his son in the faith, and he let him know it.** Paul was likewise committed to the Ephesian church. It was through Paul that many of the saints in Ephesus came to faith. Paul's epistle to Timothy at Ephesus is evidence of Paul's love for and commitment to the church of Jesus Christ. He saw the church as the "support and bulwark of the truth" (3:15).

For me, this study of First Timothy has given me a deeper realization of Paul's love for and appreciation of women. Some would condemn Paul because of his words in chapter 2, but let us recall that Paul's instructions are the Lord's command (1 Corinthians 14:33-38). Beyond this, think about what the entire book of 1 Timothy teaches us about Paul's regard for women, and the value of their ministry to the church. In chapter 2, he includes women in his instructions; he does not ignore them, as though they had no contribution to make at all. Paul clarifies what ministries women may have (and not have) in the church, but in including his instructions regarding women, he indicates that he considers them a part of the church and its ministry. In chapter 3 we once again find that women play a key role in ministry (1 Timothy 3:11). I believe that this verse applies both to the wives of the deacons and of the elders as well. The character of a man's wife may make or break him as a church leader. Paul's words imply that a leader's wife plays a key role in her husband's ministry.

In chapter 5, Paul spends a good portion of the chapter giving instructions related to women. Paul tells Timothy (and thus, all other men) to respect older women and younger women. The older women are to be treated as mothers (great respect here), and the younger women as sisters. The plight of widows is taken very seriously by Paul. While women have a great contribution to make in relation to child-bearing and child-rearing (1 Timothy 2:15), they also have a great contribution to make to the church as prayer warriors and as those who provide hospitality to those who pass their way (1 Timothy 5:5-10).

*(Excerpts from "Creation to the Cross" by Bob Deffinbaugh)*

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### FINDING STRENGTH TO SERVE

STRENGTH TO SERVE THROUGH GOD'S POWER (1 TIM 1:12-14)

*God's power to enable (vs 12)*

*God's powerful mercy (vs 13)*

*God's powerful grace (vs 14)*

STRENGTH TO SERVE THROUGH GOD'S SALVATION (1 TIM 1:15-17)

*God sent Jesus to save (vs 15)*

*God is longsuffering in order to save (vs 16)*

*God provides eternal salvation (vs 17)*

STRENGTH TO SERVE THROUGH GOD'S COMMISSION (1 TIM 1:18-20)

*Commissioned to engage in warfare with sin (vs 18)*

*Commissioned through faith (vs 19)*

*Commissioned to be faithful in spite of rejection (vs 20)*

### NEED FOR PRAYER

PRIORITY OF PRAYER (1 TIM 2:1)

*Urgency of prayer*

*Four elements of prayer*

Supplications

Prayer itself

Intercessions

Thanksgiving

EXAMPLE OF WHOM TO PRAY FOR (1 TIM 2:2-3)

*For all men (vs 1)*

*For those in authority (vs 2)*

*Why pray for others*

Peaceful life

Godly life

Pleasing to God

THE REASON TO PRAY (1 TIM 2:4-7)

*For all to be saved (vs 4)*

*For all to come to the knowledge of God's truth (vs 4)*

*Because Jesus provided the access to God (vs 5-6)*

PRAYER GUIDELINES (1 TIM 2:8)

*With holy hands*

*Without wrath*

*Without doubt*

### LEADERSHIP IN THE FAMILY (1 Tim 2:9-15)

Col 3:18-21

1 Cor 11:3-16

Titus 2:3-8

1 Peter 3:1-8

1 Cor 14:33-35

Eph 5:22-6:4

Gen 3:16

### CALL FOR GODLY LEADERS

QUALITIES OF A GODLY LEADER (1 TIM 3:1-7)

*Willingness to serve (vs 1)*

*Blameless and guiltless (vs 2)*

*Temperate and content (vs 3)*

*Family leader (vs 4-5)*

*Experienced and tested (vs 6-7)*

QUALITIES OF A GODLY DEACON (1 TIM 3:8-13)

*Same character as Bishop (vs 8, 10-12)*

*Doctrinally and morally sound (vs 9)*

*Blessings of service (vs 13)*

REASONS FOR BEING GODLY (1 TIM 3:14-15)

*Instructions for conduct (vs 15)*

*Making the Church the pillar of truth (vs 15)*

### GUIDANCE FOR TEACHING

EXPOSE FALSE TEACHING (1 TIM 4:1-3)

*Deceptive teaching (vs 1)*

*Hypocritical teaching (vs 2)*

*Ascetic teaching (vs 3)*

PRACTICE GOOD TEACHING (1 TIM 4:4-11)

*Pray and give thanks for all things (vs 4-5)*

*Be nourished by doctrine from God's word (vs 6)*

*Train in godliness (vs 7-9)*

*Teach trust in God (vs 10-11)*

HOW TO BE A GOOD TEACHER (1 TIM 4:12-16)

*Be a good example (vs 12)*

*Read and teach Word publicly (vs 13)*

*Use your gifts (vs 14)*

*Meditate on God's truths (vs 15-16)*

### NEED FOR RESPECT

RESPECTING FAMILIES (1 TIM 5:1-8)

*Respect for men and women (vs 1-2)*

*Respect for widows (vs 3-6)*

*Charge to families (vs 7-8)*

RESPECTING LEADERS (1 TIM 5:17-25)

*Support of leaders (vs 17-18)*

*Accountability of leaders (vs 19-20)*

*Wisdom in selecting leaders (vs 21-25)*

### NEED FOR CONTENTMENT (1 Tim 6:1-21)