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# To Timothy (1)

## Chapter One

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the precept of Godde our Life-Giver and of Christ Jesus our hope; <sup>2</sup>to Timothy, my true child in trust: Grace, mercy, and peace from Godde the Mother and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>As I urged you when I was going into Macedonia, stay at Ephesus so that you might instruct certain people not to teach differently <sup>4</sup>or to pay any attention to fables and endless genealogies which promote speculation rather than Godde's stewardship, which is by trust. <sup>5</sup>The goal of this precept is love, out of a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere trust. <sup>6</sup>Some have strayed from these and turned to foolish discussions. <sup>7</sup>They want to be teachers of Torah, even though they don't know what they're talking about or what they're so strongly affirming.

<sup>8</sup>But we know that the Torah is good, if one uses it properly. <sup>9</sup>We know that Torah is not laid down for a just person, but for criminals and rebels, for those who are corrupt and outsiders, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill mothers and fathers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>for the promiscuous, for pedophiles, for human traffickers, for liars, for perjurers, and for anything else that is contrary to the sound teaching <sup>11</sup>of the good news of the glory of the blessed Godde with which I was entrusted.

<sup>12</sup>I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he counted me trustworthy and put me into ministry; <sup>13</sup>even though I was previously a slanderer, a persecutor, and insolent. But I received mercy because I didn't trust and didn't know what I was doing. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lady overflowed with trust and love in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>This is a trustworthy saying which deserves to be acknowledged: Christ Jesus came into the world to give life to wrongdoers – I'm the worst of them. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy so that in me, the worst, Christ Jesus might show all his patience for an example of those who would trust in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the eternal Queen, immortal, invisible, the only Godde, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

<sup>18</sup>My child Timothy, I entrust this instruction to you according to the prophecies previously made about you, so that by them you may fight the good battle <sup>19</sup>with trust and a good conscience, which some have rejected and caused a shipwreck concerning the faith. <sup>20</sup>Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to the Satan so that they might be taught not to slander Godde.

## Chapter Two

So first of all I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgiving be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for rulers and all who are in high places, so that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life in all piety and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is good and acceptable to Godde our Life-Giver, <sup>4</sup>who wants everyone to be given life and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>There is one Godde, and one mediator between Godde and mortals, the mortal Christ Jesus <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all as a testimony at the right time. <sup>7</sup>I was made a herald and an apostle for this (I'm telling the truth, not lying), a teacher of Gentiles in trust and truth.

<sup>8</sup>So I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without wrath or arguments. <sup>9</sup>In the same way I also want women to dress modestly and decently in appropriate clothing, not with hair braided with gold or pearls, or with expensive clothes, <sup>10</sup>but with good deeds appropriate for women who profess to worship Godde.

<sup>11</sup>There is a woman who needs to quietly receive instruction in submission. <sup>12</sup>I don't want her to teach or to upstage her husband, but to keep quiet, <sup>13</sup>because Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam

wasn't tricked, but Eve was tricked and became a lawbreaker; <sup>15</sup>and women who have children will be given life, provided they continue in trust, love, and holiness with self-restraint.

### Chapter Three

This is a trustworthy saying: Anyone who seeks to be a bishop desires a good thing. <sup>2</sup>So the bishop must be blameless, faithful to their partner, sober, sensible, modest, hospitable, able to teach; <sup>3</sup>not addicted to alcohol, not violent but gentle, not greedy for money; <sup>4</sup>one who manages their own household well, whose children submit with all dignity – <sup>5</sup>but if anyone doesn't know how to manage their own household, how will they care for Godde's community? <sup>6</sup>Not a new member, or they may become full of themselves and fall into the same judgment as the devil. <sup>7</sup>In addition, they must have a good reputation among outsiders, so that they will not fall into disgrace and the devil's trap.

<sup>8</sup>In the same way, male deacons should be reverent, not two-faced, not addicted to much alcohol, not greedy for money, <sup>9</sup>and holding the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>They should be tested first, too; then they should minister if they are beyond reproach. <sup>11</sup>In the same way female deacons should be reverent, not slanderers, sober, trustworthy in all things. <sup>12</sup>Deacons should be faithful to their partner, managing their children and their own households well, <sup>13</sup>because those who have ministered well gain for themselves a good standing and great courage in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>14</sup>I hope to come to you soon, but I'm writing these things to you so that <sup>15</sup>if I'm delayed, you'll know how one should behave in Godde's household, which is the community of the living Godde, the pillar and foundation of the truth. <sup>16</sup>Doubtless the mystery of Godde is great:

Who was revealed in the flesh,  
justified in the spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the Gentiles,  
trusted in the world,  
and taken up in glory.

### Chapter Four

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will leave the faith, paying attention to lying spirits and teachings of demons <sup>2</sup>through the hypocrisy of liars whose conscience has been seared. <sup>3</sup>They forbid marriage and foods which Godde created to be received with thanksgiving by those who trust and who know the truth. <sup>4</sup>Everything created by Godde is good, and nothing is to be rejected provided it is received with thanksgiving <sup>5</sup>because it is made holy through the word of Godde and prayer.

<sup>6</sup>If you lay out these things for the sisters and brothers, you'll be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished with the words of the faith and of the good teaching which you've followed. <sup>7</sup>But reject profane fables and tall tales. Train yourself for piety <sup>8</sup>because physical training has some value, but piety has value in all things, since it promises both the present life and the coming life. <sup>9</sup>This is a trustworthy saying which deserves to be acknowledged. <sup>10</sup>For this we both work and struggle, because we hope in a living Godde, who is the Life-Giver of all people, especially of those who trust.

<sup>11</sup>Instruct and teach these things. <sup>12</sup>Don't let anyone despise your youth, but be an example for those who trust, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in trust, and in purity. <sup>13</sup>Until I come, give attention to reading, to encouragement, and to teaching. <sup>14</sup>Don't neglect the gift which was given to you by prophecy when the body of presbyters laid hands on you. <sup>15</sup>Practice these things and be immersed in them, so that your progress may be revealed to everyone. <sup>16</sup>Watch yourself and your teaching. Continue in these things, because if you do, you will gain life – both for yourself and for those who hear you.

## Chapter Five

Don't rebuke a male presbyter, but encourage him as a father, the newer men as brothers, <sup>2</sup>the female presbyters as mothers, the newer women as sisters, in all purity.

<sup>3</sup>Honor widows who are true widows. <sup>4</sup>But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to respect their own family and to repay their parents, because this is acceptable in Godde's sight. <sup>5</sup>Now the widow who's a true widow and solitary has placed her hope in Godde and continues in petitions and prayers night and day. <sup>6</sup>But the one who lives wildly is dead even while she lives. <sup>7</sup>Teach these things so that they may be blameless. <sup>8</sup>But if anyone doesn't take care of their own – and especially their own household – they have denied the faith and are worse than one who doesn't trust. <sup>9</sup>No one should be enrolled as a widow unless she's at least sixty years old, has been faithful to her partner, <sup>10</sup>and is known for good deeds: if she's raised children, if she's been hospitable to strangers, if she's washed the feet of the holy ones, if she's helped the oppressed, and if she's devoted herself to every good work. <sup>11</sup>But don't enroll younger widows, because when their longing exceeds their dedication to Christ, they want to marry, <sup>12</sup>and others judge them for setting aside their original commitment. <sup>13</sup>Besides, they can also learn to waste their time going around from house to house. They not only waste their time, they also gossip and meddle, saying things they shouldn't. <sup>14</sup>So I want younger widows to marry, have children, rule the household, and give the adversary no opportunity for abuse. <sup>15</sup>Some have already turned away to follow the Satan. <sup>16</sup>If any woman who trusts has widows, she should assist them and not let the community be burdened, so that it might assist those who are widows in need.

<sup>17</sup>Presbyters who manage well should be considered worthy of double support, especially those who work in the word and in teaching. <sup>18</sup>The Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker is worthy of their wages." <sup>19</sup>Disregard any accusation against a presbyter unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. <sup>20</sup>Admonish those who do wrong before everyone so that the rest may be warned too. <sup>21</sup>Before Godde, Christ Jesus, and the chosen angels, I instruct you to do these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. <sup>22</sup>Don't lay hands on anyone quickly and don't participate in the wrongdoings of others; keep yourself pure. <sup>23</sup>Don't drink just water, but use a little alcohol because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

<sup>24</sup>Some people's wrongdoings are obvious, preceding them to judgment; but others follow later. <sup>25</sup>In the same way good deeds are obvious too, and those that aren't obvious can't be hidden.

## Chapter Six

Those who are bondservants should regard their own masters and mistresses worthy of all respect, so that Godde's name and teaching may not be slandered. <sup>2</sup>Those who have masters and mistresses who trust shouldn't disrespect them because they're sisters and brothers, but should serve them even more, since those who are helped by their good service trust and are beloved.

Teach and insist on these things. <sup>3</sup>If anyone teaches differently and doesn't agree with the sound message of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching of piety, <sup>4</sup>they're full of themselves and understand nothing. They're obsessed with speculations and arguments which result in envy, strife, slander, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup>constant friction between people whose minds have been corrupted and have been deprived of the truth, thinking that piety is a way to get rich. <sup>6</sup>Well, piety makes us very rich if we're content with what we have. <sup>7</sup>We brought nothing into the world, and we can't carry anything out either. <sup>8</sup>If we have food and clothing, we'll be content with that. <sup>9</sup>But people who want to get rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>The love of money is a source of all kinds of evil. Some have been lured away from the faith by it, piercing themselves with many sorrows.

<sup>11</sup>But you, friend of Godde, flee from these things, and pursue justice, piety, trust, love, patience, and gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Compete well in the competition of the faith. Seize the eternal life to which you were called

and for which you made the good confession before many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I instruct you before Godde, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who made the good confession while bearing witness before Pontius Pilate: <sup>14</sup>Keep the precept without stain and blameless until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ <sup>15</sup>which will be shown at the right time by she who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the Queen of queens and Lady of ladies, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; whom no one has ever seen or can see. Honor and eternal power to her! Amen.

<sup>17</sup>Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be proud, nor to place their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in Godde, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, generous and willing to share, <sup>19</sup>storing up for themselves a good foundation for the future, that they may seize true life.

<sup>20</sup>Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Turn away from the empty chatter and opposing ideas of so-called knowledge <sup>21</sup>which some have professed, and as a result have strayed from the faith. Grace be with you.