

**Timothy, My Son**  
**Lesson 15**  
**1 Timothy 1:1-20**

Paul's first imprisonment in Rome appears to have been about two years (A.D. 60-62) after which time he was released. According to his letters, he made a trip to Ephesus where he left Timothy then traveled on to Philippi in Macedonia. Paul planned to return to Ephesus but was delayed. During the delay, he wrote two letters, one to Timothy and one to Titus whom Paul had left on the island of Crete.

These two letters and a second letter to Timothy are called "The Pastoral Letters" because they are Paul's instructions to his co-workers on pastoral care of the churches.

**Introduction - 1 Timothy 1:1-2**

1. What was Paul's introduction in this letter? (1 Timothy 1:1, 2a)
  - From:
  
  
  
  - By:
  
  
  
  - And of:
  
  
  
  - To:
  
2. Paul's usual greeting in his letters has been "grace and peace." What did he add in his greeting to Timothy? (1 Timothy 1:2b)

**Warning - 1 Timothy 1:3-11**

3. Why did Paul say that he had left Timothy in Ephesus while he traveled on to Macedonia? (1 Timothy 1:3)
  
  
  
4. What were these individuals devoted to? (1 Timothy 1:4a)
  
  
  
5. Why was that such a danger in the church? (1 Timothy 1:4b)

6. Paul said, "The goal of this command is love." What was to be the basis of that love? (1 Timothy 1:5)
  
7. What other issue was Timothy instructed to address? (1 Timothy 1:6,7)
  
8. What did Paul say about "the law?" (1 Timothy 1:8)
  
9. Using 1 Timothy 1:9, 10:
  - Who should be afraid of the law?
  
  
  - Who need not fear the law?
  
10. Paul summed up his thoughts on the law by referring to that which is "sound doctrine." How did he explain this sound doctrine? (1 Timothy 1:11)

**Paul as Mentor - 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

11. In the next few verses Paul used his own life to encourage Timothy. What did Paul say that he thanked Christ Jesus for? (1 Timothy 1:12)
  
12. Paul then explained why God's mercy was so important to him. How did Paul describe his life before he met Jesus Christ? (1 Timothy 1:13a)
  
13. Why did Paul say that God had extended His mercy to him? (1 Timothy 1:13b)
  
14. God's grace had so changed Paul's life that the word "grace" became part of Paul's signature. How did Paul describe his experience of God's grace? (1 Timothy 1:14a)

- What else was included? (1 Timothy 1:14b)
15. Paul instructed Timothy with trustworthy sayings that deserved full acceptance. What was the first of those sayings? (1 Timothy 1:15)
- What was his comment regarding these sinners?
16. Returning to thoughts of God's mercy, how did Paul say God was using His mercy to him? (1 Timothy 1:16)
17. Paul became so overcome with gratitude for God's mercy that he burst out in praise. Write out verse 17 and then spend some time reflecting on God's mercy extended to you. Are you, like Paul, overcome with gratitude for what you have been given in Christ Jesus? Why?

**Instructions to Timothy -1 Timothy 1:18-20**

18. Timothy had come to faith in Jesus on Paul's first journey. How did Paul view his relationship with Timothy? (1 Timothy 1:18a)
19. What were Paul's instructions to Timothy? (1 Timothy 1:18b-19a)
20. Paul told Timothy that some had not remained faithful to the Lord and described this as having "shipwrecked their faith." (1 Timothy 1:20)
- Who did Paul name?
  - What was Paul's comment about them?