

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE  
SERMON OUTLINE**

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**# 1 - I Timothy – “FIGHTING THE  
` `GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH”**

**“It Does Matter What You Believe or  
Getting Lost on Side Streets”**

**1 Timothy 1:1-7**

Jesus has left His marching orders for the church, a main road of Commitment. He wants us to travel, a primary way of acting-He wants us to follow and He doesn't want us to get side tracked from the main road. However, we distort or misunderstand Jesus' orders and end up lost on side streets. That is precisely what Paul feared would happen to the Christians in Ephesus under Timothy's charge.

Overall the first letter to Timothy addresses six main topics,

- 1.The Church's **DOCTRINE** (1:3-20)
- 2.The Church's **WORSHIP** (2:1-15)
- 3.The Church's church **LEADERSHIP** (3:1-16) (pastors & deacons)
- 4.The Church's **MORAL BEHAVIOR** (4:1-10)
- 5.The Church's **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES** (5:3-6:2)
- 6.The Church's attitude towards **POSSESSIONS** (6:3-21)

Many churches focus on **style** and neglect the **Substance**. **Healthy Churches:** Are founded on **faith** in the Son of God, **function** by the Word of God, **filled** with the Spirit of God, and **focused** on the glory of God! And my question is - Are we a healthy church? Hopefully we will find out in our journey through the Book of 1 Timothy if we are healthy or not.

All church congregations can learn from and benefit from the book of 1 Timothy. Paul instructed Timothy on the **formation** and the **function** of the church. These verses reveal some aspects of the introduction to God's servant. **SO FIRST WE SEE:**

**I. The Introduction to the Letter Vs-1-2**

**A. Who the Letter is From V-1**

**1. The Apostle of the Lord –**

“*Apostle*” means “*sent one or messenger by a divine commission.*” Paul establishes the fact that he was an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. He had been **called** by Jesus, **converted** to Jesus, **commissioned** by Jesus, and **controlled** by Jesus.

**2. The Appointment By The Lord v-1b**

Paul tells Timothy and the church that it is by the **commandment** of God our Savior.

**B. Who the Letter is for V-2**

The recipient of the letter is **Timothy**, his name means “*one who honors God.*”

**II. The Intention of the Letter Vs.3-7**

**A. A Charge to the Pastor Vs.3-4**

Beloved we need to understand that it Does Matter What You Believe. - A Concern for Sound Doctrine (vv. 3-11)

**1. The Reminder of the Charge 3a**

Paul is reminding pastor Timothy about what they had formerly discussed. Paul stresses the importance of the reminder in verse 3 when he uses the word “*urged.*”

**2. The Responsibility in the Charge 3b-4**

Paul gives Timothy the charge to **declare** the faith and **defend** the faith. Wuest; “false doctrine, refers, not to doctrines of false religions, but to doctrine which poses as true Christian doctrine, but which is diametrically opposed to the true teachings of Christianity.”

**B. The Commandment with a Promise  
V-5**

Paul was telling Timothy to preach and teach the Ephesians to love Jesus and love others! The love of God should motivate us in all that we say and all that we do.

**C. The Claim of the Perverse Vs.6-7**

**1. They Had Left the Truth V-6**

Paul is stating the facts that some have already “*strayed*”- deviate from truth err, swerve.

**2. They Long to Teach Vs.6b-7**

Therefore, they are **Idle Talkers V-6b** and **They are Ignorant Teachers V-7**. Paul reminds Timothy that they desire to be teachers of the law. They wanted the high places and recognition and praise from man.

Paul was very pointed in this letter and he set the standard right out of the gate.

We must stay on:

Our Determined Course in 2019  
and FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH to  
the Glory of God and our Lord Jesus Christ.