

FIGHT FOR GODINESS A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY



PAUL'S STORY & TIMOTHY'S CHARGE 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-20



1 TIMOTHY 1:3,5 NIV

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... ⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

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"God does not choose a person who is worthy, but by the act of choosing them, He makes them worthy."

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NIV

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ACTS 26:9-11 NIV

"I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord's people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. ¹¹ Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities."

Blasphemer Persecutor Violent man

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INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY Observation - What do I see? Interpretation - What does it mean? Application - How does this work?



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THE LORD'S GRACE TO PAUL

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life.¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CHARGE TO TIMOTHY RENEWED

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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

MATTHEW 18:15-17 The Message

"If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. ¹⁶ If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. ¹⁷ If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love."

"When the preferences of the church members are greater than their passion for the gospel, the church is dying."

THOM RAINER

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How is your soul?

