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I. BACKGROUND

A. Date - 65-67 AD

B. TIMO - honoring, THEOS - God

C. Character of Timothy

1. PH2:19-22 Paul's estimation

2. I CO 16:10 Fear, a weakness (2 TM 1:7)

3. I TM 5:23 Ailments (fear does that)

4. AC 16:1 Mother a believer (2 TM 1:5)

5. 2 TM 3:15 Word man

II. RELEVANCE TO US

A. Christian church must ALWAYS have a well-trained, deeply devoted, highly consecrated ministry - A SUCCESSFUL ministry to SERVE THE PEOPLE!

1. Serve through prayer I TM 2:1

2. Serve through Word I TM 4:6

B. DO A GOOD JOB WHERE YOU ARE!

III. REASONS FOR STUDY

A. Church functions

B. Sound doctrine stressed

C. Demand for consecrated living

D. Value of doctrine

E. God speaks to us

IV. SALUTATION 1:1-2

A. Apostle - APOSTOLOS - APO - from, STELLO - to send
Sent one

B. Command - EPITAGE. EPI - upon, TASSO - to order - That which has been commanded by supreme authority. Stresses the authoritativeness of the command.

C. Hope - ELPIS - expectation of something future. Forerunner of faith, opposite of worry.

D. My own son

E. Grace - CHARIS - Disposition to freely give, friendly willingness.

F. Mercy - ACTIVE compassion. Desire to relieve oppressed.

G. Peace - Healthy, undisturbed, untroubled well-being. Result of forgiveness enjoyed.

H. God and Jesus

V. GOSPEL VERSUS "OTHER DOCTRINE" 1:3-11

A. The charge :3-5

1. Ephesus

2. Charge some

3. Other doctrine :3-4

4. Godly edifying

5. Command to love

B. The alternative :6-10

1. Having swerved :6

2. Desire to teach :7

3. Law is good :8

4. Law for lawless :9-10

C. The Gospel

1. Gospel is power RM 1:16

2. Power requires trust

3. Our committment to the trust.

4. Blessed God.

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CHAPTER 1 (continued)

II. PAUL'S EXPERIENCE 1:12-17

A. Thankful remembrance :12-14

1. One measure of character - what are you most grateful for?

2. Attitude of gratitude

3. Enabled - ENDUNAMOO (EN- in, DUNAMIS power) Empower, to render strong, impart strength to (AC 1:8) EX 18:23

4. God notes faithfulness (1 Co 4:2)

5. Ministry - DIAKONIA - The office and work of one who renders service. Emphasis is on SERVICE RENDERED, not the STATUS of the server.

6. Injurious - manner or spirit by which injury is done - proud, haughty, malicious arrogance of one who has TRUTH.

7. Ignorance (?)

8. Unbelief

a. APISTIA - distrust, unbelief, applying to all, regardless of their opportunities to learn truth.

b. APEITHETA - WILLFUL unbelief. Unbelief in action, DISOBEDIENCE/ Restricted to those who have heard and know truth.

9. Grace feeds faith and love

B. The Word 1:15

1. Faithful is the Word (3?1/4:9)

2. Worthy is the Word

3. Jesus is the Word
- Jesus came to save, reveal mercy, restore favor - SAME REASONS WE ARE HERE.

4. Confession of Word

C. Pattern for believers 1:16

1. Everlasting - A God quality

2. Life - ZOE - Absolute life of God, NECESSARILY ACTIVE, not contaminated by death. Life energized by the joyful gladness of heaven.

D. Praise 1:17

II. CHARGE TO TIMOTHY

A. Charge must be obeyed. Prompt, cheerful compliance.

B. War THE good warfare. 2 CO 10:4-5

C. HOLDING faith

1. LIVE your belief

2. Conduct exposes true belief.

D. Good conscience

1. Faith won't work without a good conscience.

2. Listen to your conscience

E. MADE shipwreck

F. Deliver to Satan

1. Satan not the teacher

2. Remedial, not punitive

a. Motive is mercy

b. Goal is restoration

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Chapter 2

I. The gospel for all 2:1-7
   A. Prayer for all :1-3
      1. Exhort - not a command, but an appeal to conscience and a love that desires to do right.
      2. Therefore - 1:3,6,18,19-20
      3. First of all - primary importance
      4. Supplications - prayer for personal needs
      5. Prayers - General Prayer
      6. Intercessions - petition to a superior (often for others)
      7. Giving of thanks - Too often neglected
      8. ALL men
      9. For kings - Nero was emperor
      10. Quiet - Free from disturbance from WITHOUT
      11. Godliness - EUSEBEIA (EU - well, SEBOMAI - to worship). Worship RESULTING in doing that which is well pleasing to God. Opposite of THRESKEIA - religion, outward action.
      12. Honesty - right behavior, dignity, visible expression of a Christian frame of mind
      13. Good and acceptable - God's will

   B. Salvation for all :4

   C. Ransom for all :5-6
      1. One mediator
      2. Ransom I Co. 6:20
      3. Testified - MARTURION - witness (Ac 1:8)

   D. Messenger for all :7
      1. Preacher - KERUX - a herald, one who proclaims
      2. Teacher - DIDASKOLOS - teacher, instructor, master
      3. In faith
      4. In truth

II. Procedures for Public Worship 2:8-15
   A. Prayer :8
      1. Pray everywhere
      2. Physical attitude
      3. Heart attitude

   B. Woman's Dress :9-10
      1. Like manner
      2. Shamefacedness - shame-FAST-ness - conduct held FAST by self-respect
         Womanly reserve, modesty
         - What is modest?
      3. Sobriety - self-control
      4. Paul not a woman hater
         - Achievement vs appearance
      5. Good works

   C. Women's lib :11-15
      1. Learn in silence (Mt. 11:28-29)
      2. Women teaching I Co. 14:34 vs Titus 2:3-4
      3. Usurping authority
      4. Precedent in Eden :13-14
      5. Highest fulfillment :15

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CHAPTER 3:

I. QUALIFICATIONS FOR A BISHOP 3:1-7

A. Bishop's Office

1. Desire - active desire to reach out and lay hold on God's calling for your life.

2. Office of a bishop - overseership, direction and oversight of a church.

3. Good WORK

B. Bishop's characteristics
- Sixteen requirements - only one is mental.
Emphasis on discipline, moderation, balance.

1. Blameless - no unconfessed sin.

a. YOU ARE A TARGET

b. Be correctable

2. One wife.

3. Vigilent - recognize attack of enemy early

4. Sober - sound mind, self-control

5. Good behaviour - domestic and pastoral habits, especially in morals.

6. Hospitality - PHILOXENIA (PHILOS- loving, XENOS - a stranger, or guest) - Generous to guests, expecially travelers.

7. Apt to teach - in church, not just Bible College

8. Not given to wine.

9. No striker - don't use pulpit as a fort to strike from

10. Not greedy - LIVE the example of trusting God.

11. Patient - You are the mature one rearing up spiritual children

12. Not a brawler

13. Not covetous

14. Ruleth - same as in 5:17 - faithlessness in a little church (family) will produce faithlessness in a larger church.
- Ministry begins at home. Relations with family - experiences - testimony - MINISTRY.
- Heaven is a HOME, God is FATHER. Check your analogy.
- Gravity - true dignity (not sternness)

15. Not a novice :6 This is man who has EXPERIENCED truth.

a. Pride - to wrap up in smoke

b. Satan condemned because of pride in religious responsibilities

16. Good report - from WITHOUT - world.
- World often a shrewd judge.
- Disdains Christians who won't PRACTICE their PROFESSION.

II. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEACONS 3:8-13

A. Deacon's Characteristics :8-10

1. Deacon - DIAKONOS - One who serves, especially in the ministration of church affairs

2. Grave - dignified. Absence of flippancy. Christian duty is a joy, but never a game.

3. Double-tongued - one thing to pastor, another to people.

4. Holding mystery :9

5. Be PROVED PV 18:16/ 22:29 / EC 9:10 / JN3:21 / 2 CO 3:6 / 1 TH 5:24/ PS 37:5 / 1 TI 1:12

- Exercise your faith to get INTO your faith ministry!

B. Wives :11 - made ONE with husband. Share his calling. Women workers - submit to same guidelines.

C. Further criteria :12-13

III. MYSTERY OF GODLINESS 3:14-16

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CHAPTER 4

I. WARNINGS AGAINST HERESY 4:1-5

A. False teachers :1-2

1. Now - "but"

2. Spirit speaks

3. Latter times

4. Some shall depart

5. Seducing spirits and doctrines of deivls

6. Hypocrisy - opens door to demon teaching

7. Conscience seared

B. False attitudes :3-5

1. Marry!

2. Meats

3. Thanksgiving

4. Every creature - "created thing" GN 1:31/ RM 14:14

5. Sanctify all food

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUCCESSFUL SERVANT 4:6-10

A. Instructing the people :6

1. Put in remembrance

2. Nourish

a. Self

b. Others

c. Weak Christians JS 1:6,7,9,18/HG 2:4/I CO 16:13/EP 6:10

d. Comes from REGULAR feeding

e. Comes from words - build

B. Proper exercise :7-9

1. Refuse fables

2. Exercise - GUMNAZO - train

3. Godliness - comes from heart

4. Little - for a little time. What good will rippling muscles do you 100 years from now?

5. Godliness is profitable GN 39:2-3

6. Faithful is the Word

C. Labor and trust :10

III. BE THE EXAMPLE 4:11-16

A. Pastor's conduct :11-12

1. Command - Nature of authority

- Be bold in your divine commission

2. Teach - implant ideas clearly

3. Be example - TUPOS - strike a blow

4. Word - words are seeds LU 8:11

5. Conversation - manner of life. You are judged by what you SAY, DO, ARE.

6. Charity - AGAPE

7. Spirit

8. Faith - PISTIS - firm persuasion, conviction based on hearing. Trust in GOD.

9. Purity - Life of faith and love produces purity of morals and motives.

B. Ministering the Word :13-16

1. Reading - public (LU 4:16) and private

2. Exhortation - Stimulates action

3. Doctrine - Teaching of Bible truths and principles.

4. Neglect not - USE the gift you receive. REQUIRES your cooperation.

5. Gift - CHARISMA - a gift of grace

6. Meditate - care for something SO AS TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM IT.

7. Give thyself WHOLLY - Christians calling is DEMANDING. CONCENTRATE effort.

8. Profiting - progress

9. Heed self and doctrine

10. Love self and others.

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CHAPTER 5:1-16

I. ATTITUDE TOWARD ELDERS 5:1-2

A. Church is family

B. Rebuke not (see :19-20)

1. Rebuke - EPIPLESSO (EPI - upon, PLESSO - to strike), to strike at, rebuke sharply.

2. Hard for elderly to change - be patient

C. Entreat - plead with

D. Young men ARE brothers.

- Firmness as necessary, but always love.

E. Elder women as mothers

F. Younger women with purity I TH 5:22

II. TREATMENT OF WIDOWS 5:3-16

A. Honor widows :3

1. Honor - consider as having value

a. God's view JA 1:27/ PS 68:5/146:9/ PV 15:25

b. Punishment for dishonor EX 22:22/DE 14:28-29

c. Provision for widow DE 24:19-22/RU 2:2

2. Widows indeed

a. Bereaved and no support

b. Proper manner of life

c. Discretion does not support those who can help themselves

B. Widows with offspring :4

1. Nephews - grandchildren

2. Piety (kindness) at home

3. Requite - render in return

4. God's will

a. Not the peculiar and extraordinary

b. Not so much WHAT you are doing as HOW you do it.

C. Widows indeed :5

1. Desolate

2. Trusts God

3. Prayer

D. Those given to pleasures die :6

E. Make this charge :7

F. Provide for own house:8

1. Denied the faith

2. Worse than infidel

G. Requirements for support: 9-10
1. *Age*
2. *Marital status*
3. *Good works*
4. *Reared children*
5. *Lodged strangers*
6. *Washed feet*
7. *Relieved afflicted*
8. *Diligent*

H. Younger widows :11-15
1. *Refuse upkeep*
2. *Wax wanton (2 CO 6:14)*
3. *Cast off faith*
4. *LEARN to be idle*
5. *God's will*
   a. *Marry*
   b. *Bear children*
   c. *Guide house (PV 31:10-31)*
   d. *No reproach*

I. Charge for widows :16
1. *Family*
2. *Church*

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CHAPTER 5:17-25

I. TREATMENT OF ELDERS 5:17-22

A. Payment of elders

1. Elders presiding officials in the church

2. Double honor - respect and honorable support (honorarium)

3. Rule well

a. Decisive, but kindly

b. Hate sin, love people

c. Win new souls, feed old

d. Spiritual, yet practical

e. Strong person, yet respectful and cooperative

4. Labor in Word and doctrine

a. Minister LIFE, HEALTH, SUPPLY, LOVE, COMFORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, FAVOR. How do you price that?

b. Be prepared

5. Tent-making

a. Paul built new churches

b. Repented of not taking pay

- 1 CO 9:7-14, proper remuneration

- 1 CO 9:18 Paul preached freely

- 2 CO 11:7-9 Was this an offence?

- 2 CO 12:13 Forgive me

6. Start where you are, and grow

- LU 9:1-3/22:35-36

- 1 CO 9:7

7. Good elder is worthy of pay.

a. Don't muzzle ox (DE 25:4)

b. Laborer WORTHY of hire (LU 10:7)

B. Rebuke of elders :19-21

1. Safeguard innocent

2. Use witnesses

3. Purlic rebuke when guilty (GA 2:11/JS 7:16-21/AC 5:1-3)

4. No prejudice

C. Laying on of hands

1. Take precautions BEFORE ordination

2. Ordaining unfit vessel is to partake of his sins.

3. Keep self pure to be wrothy of judging purity.

II. THE WINE QUESTION 5:23

A. Use - use for a purpose

B. "use", not drink, a "little"

C Help for infirm, not a beverage for the strong.

III. JUDGING ELDERS 5:24-25

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CHAPTER 6

I. DUTIES OF CHRISTIAN SLAVES 6:1-2

A. Attitude toward slavery

1. Equality in church

2. Not refuted by Bible

B. Duty of slave

1. Honor masters

2. Dishonor toward valid authority is blaspheming God and His doctrine.

3. Faithful to believing masters

II. TEACHING OTHERWISE 6:3-5

A. Wholesome words

B. Unwholesome words

- Strife over words and religious debate never leads to truth, nor lifts up Jesus.

C. Corrupt minds

D. Gain is godliness?

E. Withdraw thyself (HO 4:17)

III. CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT 6:6-10

A. Contentment - NOT SELF-SATISFACTION

1. Gospel demands change

2. Contentment deals with externals of life. Relieves covetousness (idolatry)

3. Satisfaction with what you have (PH 4:11)

B. Eternal possessions vs. earthly possessions.

C. Bible requirement for contentment :8 (MT 6:25)

D. Will to be rich :9

1. Will

a. THELO - a desire from the emotions

b. BOULOMAI - a desire from reason. Not a passing fancy, but a planned goal with dedication to achieve it.

2. Poor can be guilty

E. Root of evil :10

1. "A" root

a. Motive of anti-Christ

b. Desire to have all you need to do as YOU please

2. MK 10:17-22

IV. CHRISTIAN WARFARE 6:11-16

A. "FLEE" strategy

1. Give self no chance to covet

2. Don't fight, run to Jesus (PV 18:10)

a. Only for righteous

b. Don't delay

- *B. Follow these*
  - *1. Righteousness (2 CO 9:9-10)*
  - *2. Godliness - God-likeness (2 CO 3:18)*
  - *3. Faith - Can God trust you to trust Him?*
  - *4. Love (RM 13:10)*
  - *5. Patience (HB 10:36/ JA 1:2-4)*
  - *6. Meekness - utterly selfless. Absence of self-righteousness, - will, - seeking, - importance, - pity*
- *C. The good fight :12*
  - *1. Fight - contend with in athletic games for a prize*
  - *2. Weapons (2 CO 10:4-5)*
  - *3. Not people (EP 6:12)*
  - *4. Fight with faith*
  - *5. Release through mouth.*
- *D. Timothy's charge :13-14*
  - *1. God empowers*
  - *2. Keep the commandment (MT 22:35-40)*
  - *3. Without spot (failure)*
- *E. Splendor of God :15-16*

V. CHARGE TO RICH CHRISTIANS 6:17-19

- *A. Trust God*
  - *1. Not riches*
  - *2. No pride*
- *B. Do good*
- *C. Share*
- *D. Lay up store*
- *E. Lay hold*

VI. CLOSING

- *A. Keep what was committed*
- *B. Profane - Not blasphemy, but taking things of God and making them common.*
- *C. Science - that frame of mind which searches for cause and explanation.*
- *D. Don't argue about the seed. Sow it.*
- *E. Grace*

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FINAL EXAM

1. *Discuss 1 TM 2:1-4*

2. *What are your views on 1 TM 3:2 "given to hospitality"?*

3. *Reference 1 TM 5:3-16, discuss the proper treatmwnr of widows.*

4. *State at least one ministry goal that you are READY TO COMMIT TO.*

5. *God has a plan for the church. If His plan depends on your successful service, WHAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED in your life?*

6. *What would you want to do for God IF YOU WERE POSITIVE YOU COULD NOT FAIL?*