**I Timothy, Introduction**

**Salutation (1:1-2)**

**I. The Personal Charge (1:3-20)**

A. The Charge Stated (1:3-17)

B. The Charge Restated (1:18-20)

**II. The Public Charge (2:1-6:10)**

A. The Organization of the Church (2:1-3:16))

B. The Administration of the Church (4:1-6:10)

**III. The Private Charge (6:11-21)**

A. Defend the Truth (6:11-16)

B. Charge the Wealthy (6:17-19)

C. Keep the Trust (6:20-21)

**Background**

**I. Paul and Timothy**

A. Great Commission > Mt. 28:19-20

B. Paul’s Call > Acts 9:15

C. Paul’s Direction > Rom. 15:20

D. Paul’s Convert Timothy > Acts 16:1

1. Family > Acts 16:1; II Tim. 1:5; II Tim. 3:15

2. Ministry > Phil. 1:1, Heb. 13:23-24; II Tim. 4:9

E. Paul’s Missionary Team > Acts 20:4

F. Paul’s Apostolic Representatives > Tit. 1:4

**II. The Ephesian Church** > Acts 18:18 ff.

**III. The Authorship and Date**

A. Started Ephesian church > Acts 18:18

B. Revisited church and left Timothy after 1st Roman Imprisonment (AD 62) > I Tim. 1:3

**IV. The Purpose > Organization and Administration of Ephesian church (I Tim. 3:15)**

**Exegesis**

**PREMISE: Timothy had been well taught about church theologically and experientially—pass it on.**

**I. The Author (v. 1a)**

A. His Name

1. Saul of Tarsus > Acts 7:58 > Acts 13:9

2. Paul (164x)

B. His Office

1. Apostle > Lk. 6:12-13 ; Rom. 11:13; I Cor. 15:9-10

2. Of Jesus Christ (9x) > I Cor. 1:1; II Cor., etc.

**II. The Authority (v. 1b)**

A. *“Commandment”* > Acts 9:15-16

B. *“God our Saviour”* (I Tim. 4:10) = God the Father > I Tim. 2:3; Tit. 1:3; 2:10; 3:4; Jude 1:25

C. *“Lord Jesus Christ”* > 84x

D. *“Our Hope”* > Heb. 6:19-20

**III. The Audience (v. 2)**

A. The Human Relationship

1. Timothy (25x+) > “honoring God” > I Tim. 1:2, 1:18; 6:20 (Heb. 13:23)

2. My own Son in the faith > II Tim. 1:2; 2:1; cf. Phile. 1:10; I Pet. 5:13

B. The Heavenly Requests

1. Grace, mercy, peace > II Tim. 1:2; Tit. 1:4

2. God our Father (11x)

**CONCLUSION: Learn and practice the truth of ecclesiology**