

**Destin Church of Christ**  
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**Lessons from I & II Timothy and Titus**

Lesson 11 – “Personal Admonition: Purity”;  
“Personal Admonition: Development”;  
“Dealing with Sinful Men in the Church”

***I. “Personal Admonition: Purity”***

*Texts:* I Tim 6:11-16,20,21; II Tim 1:1-8, 13-14; Titus 2:11-14; 3:1-8

**I Tim 6:11-16, 20-21** - Paul’s words to Timothy was (1) What to do, and (2) For whom to do it (6:11–14, 17–21).

A. What is Timothy to do?

1. Flee from evil, and follow after good (6:11).
2. Fight the good fight of faith (6:12).
3. Faithfully fulfill your ministry (6:13–14, 20a).
4. Reject godless chatter and opposing ideas (6:20b-21).

B. For whom is Timothy to do it? (6:15–16):

1. The blessed and only Ruler (6:15a)
2. The King of Kings (6:15b)
3. The Lord of Lords (6:15c)
4. The immortal and invisible God (6:16a)
5. The One dwelling in unapproachable light (6:16b)

**II Tim 1:1-8, 13-14** - Paul regards Timothy as his spiritual son.

A. He tells Timothy that he is praying for him night and day. (1:1–3):

B. He is aware of Timothy’s tears (1:4) and his testimony (1:5).

C. Paul urges Timothy to:

1. Stir up his gift (1:6).
2. Be fearless, strong, and loving (1:7).
3. Be unashamed of Jesus or of Paul (1:8a).
4. Be ready to suffer for Jesus (1:8b).
5. Guard the great body of scriptural truth that has been given him (1:13 – 14).

**Titus 2:11-14** - Paul told everyone in the church (1) what God has done for them (2:11,14); and (2) what they should do for God (2:12-13).

**Titus 3:1-8** - In regard to rulers, we are to be obedient (3:1). In regard to everyone else, we are to be gentle (3:2). We find the work of God for our godlessness and His graciousness in verses 3–7.

## ***II. “Personal Admonition: Development”***

Texts: I Tim 4:6-16; II Tim 2:1-12; 3:14-17

**I Tim 4:6-16** - Paul lists some dos and don'ts concerning Christian ministry (4:6–16).

**A. The don'ts (4:7a, 12a, 14)**

1. Don't waste time arguing over foolish ideas and silly myths (4:7a).
2. Don't be intimidated because of your youth (4:12a).
3. Don't neglect your spiritual gift (4:14).

**B. The do's (4:6, 7b–11, 12b–13, 15–16)**

1. Warn the church members concerning apostasy (4:6).
2. Keep spiritually fit (4:7b–11).
3. Be a godly role model in all you do (4:12b).
4. Continue to publicly read, teach, and preach the Word of God (4:13).
5. Give yourself wholly to the ministry (4:15).
6. Keep close check on your own life (4:16).

**II Tim 2:1-12** - Paul likens the ministry to four secular occupations.

- A. Teacher (2:1-2)
- B. Soldier (2:3-4)
- C. Athlete (2:5)
- D. Farmer (2:6-7)

While a prisoner in Rome, Paul asks Timothy to remember that God's messenger is chained, but God's message cannot be chained (2:8–10).

The Results:

- A. If we die for Christ, we will live with Christ. (2:11)
- B. If we endure hardship for Christ, we will reign with Christ. (2:12a)
- C. If we deny Christ, he will deny us. (2:12b)
- D. If we are unfaithful, Christ remains faithful. (2:13)

**2 Timothy 3:14-17** - Paul reminds Timothy (1) what the Scriptures did for him as a lad, and (2) what the Scriptures will do for him as the leader. The goal was to equip Timothy for every good work.

## ***III. “Dealing with Sinful Men in the Church”***

Texts: I Tim 5:17-25; 6:3-5; II Tim 1:15; 2:16-21; 2:23-26; 4:14-22; Titus 3:9-11

**I Tim 5:17-25** - Elders:

1. Are worthy of double honor. (5:17-18)
2. Must never be unjustly accused. (5:19-20, 24-25)
3. Must be impartial. (5:21)
4. Must be proven before being ordained. (5:22a)
5. Must keep themselves pure. (5:22b)

**1 Tim 6:3-5** - The wicked:

1. Deny the faith (6:3-4a)
2. Are conceited and argumentative. (6:4b)
3. Cause confusion, envy, and friction. (6:4c)
4. Use spiritual things for financial gain. (6:5)

**II Tim 1:15-18**: The apostle's companions:

1. His deserting friends (1:15): Most of Paul's coworkers in Asia have abandoned him.
2. His devoted friend (1:16-18): Onesiphorus has remained a faithful and helpful friend.

**II Tim 2:14-26** - Paul tells Timothy to:

- A. Remind your people of the great scriptural truths (2:14a).
- B. Warn them against petty arguments (2:14b).
- C. Strive to become an approved workman before God (2:15).
- D. Avoid godless controversies (2:16-19).
  - 1 The error of Hymenaeus and Philetus (2:16-19).
- E. Present your body as a clean vessel to God (2:20-21).
- F. Avoid evil, and pursue good (2:22).
- G. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because they produce quarrels. (2:23)
- H. Gently instruct those who oppose him with the goal of leading them to repentance. (2:23-26)

**II Tim 4:14-22** – Paul's friends have forsaken him (4:16).

Paul's Final Song of Praise (4:17-18)

- A. God has delivered him from the mouth of the lion (4:17-18a).
- B. God will deliver him to the Kingdom of Heaven (4:18b).

Paul sends his final greetings (4:19-22).

**Titus 3:8-11 - THE WARNING FROM GOD**

- A. Concerning controversial issues (3:8-9): Titus must not involve himself in arguing over foolish and unanswerable questions.
- B. Concerning controversial individuals (3:10-11)
  1. They are to be warned twice (3:10a).
  2. They are, if unrepentant, to be "excommunicated" (disfellowshipped) (3:10b-11).

Next week: Review