

# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

## Wednesday Nights Holy Bible Studies

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### INTRODUCTION

This epistle was written by St. Paul to his disciple to Timothy between the years 62-66 AD. Timothy was very dear to St. Paul, who considered him a son and was the key person in Timothy's conversion. Timothy was the bishop of the church in Ephesus, a major city in Asia Minor and the home of the temple of the pagan fertility goddess Diana (Artemis). Although the Ephesian church had a strong leader, it was not impervious to false doctrine, which St. Paul exhorts Timothy to uproot, giving him apostolic authority to do so. This epistle also lays the foundation for church administration and organization.

### Study Questions for Reflection and Discussion

These readings and study questions are in preparation for next week's lesson.

As you begin each day pray that the Lord would speak to you through his Holy Spirit as you open yourself to His Word.

### CHAPTER 1

1. In the greeting, St. Paul refers to himself as "an apostle of Jesus Christ" in order to convey what message/serve what purpose?
2. How do false doctrines affect the church?
3. What is the ultimate goal of the commandment?
4. How were these false doctrines cloaked in "righteousness"?
5. According to St. Paul what is the difference between Christian doctrine and false doctrine?
6. What is the correct purpose of the law?
7. How did the Lord "show all longsuffering" (v. 16) in St. Paul?
8. How does the humility of St. Paul shown in this chapter?
9. How is Timothy supposed to oppose the heretics and their dogma?