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**The Effect Of The Gospel On Those Who Believe:
A Sermon Series In 1 Timothy**

Overview Paul's first letter to Timothy gives believers a clear picture of what the church is to look like. Two points, however, are particularly striking about the way Paul describes healthy church life.

First, the qualifications Paul gives for both elders and deacons have to do with godliness more than with competency as defined by the world. Elders, for example, are to be self-controlled, respectable, and hospitable (1 Tim. 3:2). Deacons must be guarded in their use of the tongue, sober, and not greedy (3:8). These qualities describe a person of mature character, more than simply a person with impressive natural abilities. This is a strong reminder to the global church of the crucial importance of choosing leaders who walk with God faithfully, whatever their level of gifting or eloquence or natural charisma.

Second, the local church and its various ministries and responsibilities are all rooted in the gospel. It is striking that, in an epistle written to a young pastor, with lots of practical instruction for the local church, Paul begins with a moving statement of his own salvation through Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 1:12–17). The gospel is then connected to Paul's guidance throughout the rest of the letter—whether he is discussing prayer for political leaders (2:2), selection of elders and deacons (3:1–13), the avoidance of irreverent controversy (4:7), or dealing with money and the wealthy (6:3–10).

The global church is to gladly receive the practical guidance Paul gives in 1 Timothy, and resolutely put it into effect. Through it all, the gospel is to reign supreme, to the great glory of Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 1:17; 6:16).¹

Author: Paul - 1 Timothy 1:1

Theme: The gospel will have a profound effect on all who believe.

Theme Expanded: It is only by living according to and by the power of the gospel that a Christian will make the aim of their life the glory of God from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. (1 Tim. 1:5)

The Message Of 1st Timothy:

Paul's first letter to Timothy is filled with practical instructions about the life of the local church. Yet all this practical instruction is rooted in the gospel (1 Tim. 1:5, 15), and is intended to promote godliness and to spread the message of salvation to all people (2:1–7; 3:1–13; 4:10).²

¹ ESV Study Bible “The Global Message of 1 Timothy” <https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/global-message-of-1-timothy/>

² Ibid

Sermon Schedule:

01/16/22: Review of 1 Timothy 1-4
01/23/22: 1 Timothy 5:1-8 - Challenging Our Modern Ideas of How to Treat Older Christians
01/30/22: 1 Timothy 5:9-16 - Widows and the Church
02/06/22: 1 Timothy 5:17-20
02/13/22: 1 Timothy 5:21-25
02/20/22: 1 Timothy 6:1-5
02/27/22: 1 Timothy 6:6-10
03/06/22: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
03/13/22: 1 Timothy 17-19
03/20/22: 1 Timothy 6:20-21
03/27/22: Guest Speaker: Ryan Robertson, President of Reaching & Teaching International Ministries