



**CROSSBRIDGE**  
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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).<sup>1</sup>

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

**Sermon Schedule:**

Week 1: (1 Tim 1:1–2) - July 4th	Week 14: (1 Tim 4:6-10) - October 3rd
Week 2: (1 Tim 1:3–7) - July 11th	Week 15: (1 Tim 4:11-16) - October 10th
Week 3: (1 Tim 1:8–11) - July 18th	Week 16: (1 Tim 5:1–2) - October 17th
Week 4: (1 Tim 1:12–17) - July 25th	Week 17: (1 Tim 5:3–16) - October 24th
Week 5: (1 Tim 1:18–20) - August 1st	Week 18: (1 Tim 5:17–25) - October 31st
Week 6: (1 Tim 2:1–7) - August 8th	Week 19: (1 Tim 6:1–2a) - November 7th
Week 7: (1 Tim 2:8–15) - August 15th	Week 20: (1 Tim 6:2b–5) - November 14th
Week 8: (1 Tim 3:1–7) - August 22nd	Week 21: (1 Tim 6:6-10) - November 21st
Week 9: (1 Tim 3:8–13) - August 29th	Week 22: (1 Tim 6:11–16) - November 28th
Week 10: (1 Tim 3:14–16) - September 5th	Week 23: (1 Tim 6:17–19) - December 5th
Week 11: Being a missional church - September 12th	Week 24: (1 Tim 6:20–21) - December 12th
Week 12: Sending a missionary -September 19th	Week 25: Advent - December 19th
Week 13: (1 Tim 4:1–5) - September 26th	Week 26: Advent - December 26th