

THE FAITH: THINGS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Timothy**. From Roy H. Enoch (3-17-95).
- B. My task today is to point out good and acceptable teachings in 1Timothy. I will focus on the things that we should do and that form a pattern for both doctrine and practice.

I. CHAPTER ONE.

- A. Notice the following:
 1. 1:3 Charge people that they teach no other doctrine.
 2. 1:4 They should rather give "godly edification which is in faith."
 3. 1:5 "The purpose of this commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith."
 4. 1:8 "The law is good IF one uses it lawfully."
 5. 1:10-11 "...sound doctrine...is "according to the glorious gospel..."
 6. 1:12 It is good to thank God for our blessings.
 7. 1:15 It is good to accept that "X Jesus came into the world to save sinners."
 8. 1:16 It is good for those who obtain mercy to be "a pattern to those who believe on Him..."
 9. 1:17 It is good to praise God.
 10. 1:18-19 It is good to "wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience."
 11. 1:20 It is good to deliver to Satan those who blaspheme.

II. CHAPTER TWO.

- A. Notice the following:
 1. 2:1-3 It is "good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior," (v3) to "exhort...that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."
 2. 2:4 It is good to desire for "all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
 3. 2:5 It is good to teach that "there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus."
 4. 2:6 It is good to teach that Christ gave Himself a ransom for all.
 5. 2:8 It is good that "MALES pray everywhere , lifting up holy hands..."
 6. 2:9 It is likewise good for FEMALES "to adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation..."
 7. 2:10 It is good for FEMALES to profess godliness w/good works.
 8. 2:11 It is good for FEMALES to learn in silence w/ all submission.
 9. 2:12 It is good to not permit a FEMALE to teach or have authority over a MALE.
 10. 2:13-14 It is good to recognize that woman's submission to man is not cultural but according to the nature of creation.
 11. 2:15 It is good for a woman to "continue in faith, love, and holiness w/self-control."

III. CHAPTER THREE.

- A. Notice the following:
 1. 3:1 It is good for a man to desire the position of bishop as a good WORK.
 2. 3:2-3 It is good to teach that a bishop MUST be the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach, not given to wine, not violent, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;"

3. 3:4-5 It is good to teach that a bishop must rule his own house well, having his children in submission with reverence to show that he can take care of the church of God.
4. 3:6 It is good to require a bishop to be mature in the faith.
5. 3:7 It is good to require a bishop to have a good reputation outside the church.
6. 3:8-9 It is good to require that deacons be "reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience."
7. 3:10 It is good to require that a deacon "first be proved...being found blameless."
8. 3:11 It is good to require "women" (exact word used in 2:9), to be "reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things."
9. 3:12 It is good to require deacons to "be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their houses well."
10. 3:13 It is good to teach that "those who serve well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness of faith..."
11. 3:15 It is good to use these instructions that one might know how to behave in the family of God.
12. 3:15 It is good to teach that the family of God is the support and foundation of the truth.
13. 3:16 It is good to praise God, the X, as the mystery of godliness:

"God was manifested in the flesh,	Preached among the Gentiles,
Justified in the Spirit,	Believed on in the world,
Seen by angels,	Received up in glory."

IV. CHAPTER FOUR.

A. Notice the following:

1. 4:1-3 It is good to emphasize that the HS predicted apostasy.
2. 4:4 It is good to recognize that "every creature of God is good" (can be eaten) as is the context in the last of the previous verse.
3. 4:6 It is good to instruct the brethren in these things that one might be a good minister of Christ.
4. 4:6 We are to be nourished in the words of faith and good doctrine.
5. 4:7 It is good to warn people to reject fables and superstition.
6. 4:8 It is good to tell people that godliness is far more profitable than physical exercise, because it not only blesses in this life, but eternity.
7. 4:10 We should both labor and suffer reproach because we trust God.
8. 4:11 Here are several things that we should command and teach:
9. 4:12 No one should despise youth.
10. 4:12 Young people should be examples to believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith and in purity.
11. 4:13 Give attention to reading, exhortation and to doctrine.
12. 4:14 Do not neglect our special abilities for God's service.
13. 4:15 Meditate on these spiritual things that all may see our growth.
14. 4:16 Be careful to watch our lives and doctrine that we may be faithful that we may not only be saved but that others may likewise.

V. CHAPTER FIVE.

A. Notice the following:

1. 5:1 Be considerate: Don't rebuke an older man, but kindly exhort him as a father and younger men as brothers.

2. 5:2 Treat older women as mothers and younger women as sisters in all purity.
3. 5:3 Provide for widows who are destitute.
4. 5:4 Relatives should provide for elderly destitute women that the church not be burdened with the responsibility.
5. 5:5 The church should accept responsibility for truly dedicated women who have been faithful to the Lord but have no one to care for them.
6. 5:6 The church should not support pleasure-seeking widows.
7. 5:8 Those who do not care for their own needy relatives, and especially the needy of their own family have left the faith and are worse than infidels.
8. 5:9 The church should not provide support for a widow younger than 60.
9. 5:9 The church should only provide for the godly widows who had served the saints faithfully.
10. 5:14 Young widows should be encouraged to marry, and raise a family and take care of her own house.
11. 5:17 Elders who preach the gospel as well as serve the church should receive double salary.
12. 5:18 The Scriptures teach that a man should be paid for his work. (This includes elders.)
13. 5:19 It is wrong to listen to an accusation against an elder unless it is confirmed by two or three witnesses.
14. 5:20 Elders who are convicted of sin must be condemned before all that others may fear.
15. 5:21 A charge is upon all to observe these things w/o prejudice or partiality.
16. 5:22 It is wrong to "lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins..."
(I am not sure of the significance of this, some possibilities:
 - a. This might refer to quickly accepting accusations and punish.
 - b. It might refer to quickly laying hands on one unqualified in ordaining.
 - c. It might refer to quickly accepting someone back w/o repentance.)
17. 5:23 It is good to try to get relief from chronic illnesses.
(William Patton, BIBLE WINES, pp. 112-113 quotes from many ancients that "wine" that made men stager and mad gave them stomach complaints. But the "wines" that were "destitute of all strength were exceedingly wholesome and useful to the body." One particular quotation is translated even by those who advocate using alcoholic drinks as, "For all the sick, wine is most useful when its forces have been broken by the strainer." (This was one way to prevent it from fermenting in the first place.) It seems that Timothy was total abstiner since Paul had to command him to even use a little as medicine.
18. 5:24-25 It is good to recognize that we do not really know men's sins, therefore, we are not able to judge a man's soul.

VI. CHAPTER SIX.

A. Notice the following:

1. 6:1 Children of God must show respect to those who have authority over them that the doctrine they claim to believe may not be blasphemed.
2. 6:2 Those who have fellow Christians over them should not expect more consideration because they are brethren, but serve them conscientiously.
3. 6:3-5 Those who will not submit to "wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, must be rejected.
4. 6:6 "But godliness w/ contentment is great gain."
5. 6:7-8 Since we cannot take material things w/us in death, we should be content with what

- food and clothing we NEED here.
6. 6:9 We must learn that the desire to be rich is very dangerous.
 7. 6:10 "The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" and causes many to lose their souls and have many sorrows.
 8. 6:11 God's man must flee the desires for material things and "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness."
 9. 6:12 It is good to "fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were called..."
 10. 6:12 It is good "to have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."
 11. 6:13 It is good to urge people to remember what God and Christ have done for us.
 12. 6:14 We must keep this commandment to faithfulness "without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing..." (even if we die before then.)
 13. 6:15 Jesus is the "only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords."
 14. 6:17 We should command the rich to not be haughty, nor to trust in riches, but in God.
 15. 6:18 Let the rich "do good that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share."
 16. 6:19 Being generous to others helps lay a foundation for receiving eternal life.
 17. 6:20 A Christian must guard what he has from God and avoid the wisdom of the world which is often falsely called knowledge.
 18. 6:21 It is good to warn that some have left the faith seeking what men call wisdom or knowledge.