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The Epistle of First Timothy

Chapter 1

I. The Church and its Message

- A.** Paul and his signature – vs. 1
 - 1.** He was an apostle – one sent forth with orders
 - 2.** He had authority which came from God
- B.** Paul and his Savior – vs. 1
 - 1.** The Lord Jesus Christ is our Savior – deliverer
 - 2.** The Lord Jesus Christ is our hope – expectation
- C.** Paul and his son – vs. 2
 - 1.** Timothy's family
 - a)** His mother was a Jew (2 Timothy 1:5)
 - b)** His father was a Greek (Acts 16:1)
 - 2.** Paul's relationship
 - a)** He loved him as a son (1 Corinthians 4:17)
 - b)** He was a son in the faith
- D.** Paul and his salutation – vs. 2
 - 1.** Grace, mercy and peace
 - 2.** Goodness, compassion and peace from God
- E.** Timothy and his residence – vs. 3
 - 1.** Timothy had been traveling with Paul
 - 2.** Paul sent Timothy to Ephesus
- F.** Timothy and his responsibilities – vs. 3-4

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1. He was to command them to emphasize sound doctrine
 - a) Pay no attention to fables (myths and legends)
 - b) Ignore the complicated and cumbersome Jewish genealogies
2. He was to avoid controversial questions which do not edify
- G.** The key to the law of God – vs. 5
 1. Genuine love
 - a) Pure
 - b) Good conscience
 2. Sincere faith
- H.** The false teachers misuse of the law of God – vs. 6-7
 1. They have missed the importance of genuine love and a pure faith
 2. They have turned to foolish teaching
 3. They do not understanding what they are saying
- I.** The purpose of the law of God – 8-11
 1. The law was intended to show us what holiness is; it was not intended to make us holy
 2. The law was intended to expose the sin and the sinner
 - a) Disobedient
 - b) Ungodly – those with no respect for God
 - c) Unholy – wicked
 - d) Murderers

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- e) Prostitutes and Perverts
- f) Kidnappers
- g) Liars
- J.** The author of the law of God – vs. 11
 - 1. The gospel revealed by God
 - 2. The gospel entrusted to Paul
- K.** Paul's testimony – vs. 12
 - 1. Thankfulness for God's strength
 - 2. Gratitude for God placing him into the ministry because of his faithfulness
- L.** Paul's past – vs. 13
 - 1. Blasphemer – speak evil (Acts 26:9, 11)
 - 2. Persecutor – (Acts 9:1; 22:4)
 - 3. Injurious – hurt others with boldness and pleasure
- M.** Paul's forgiveness – vs. 13-14
 - 1. His ignorance forgiven – because of God's mercy
 - 2. His ignorance forgotten because of God's grace
- N.** Paul's gospel – vs. 15
 - 1. Faithful saying to all
 - 2. May be accepted by all
 - 3. Christ died for all sinners
- O.** Paul as an example – vs. 15-16
 - 1. He was the chief among sinners
 - 2. Jesus showed patience with him
- P.** Paul's God – vs. 17
 - 1. He is King

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2. He is eternal
3. He is invisible
4. He is all knowing
5. He is worthy of honor and majesty

Q. Paul's Charge – vs. 18-19

1. Fight a good fight
2. Stay firm to the faith
3. Have a clear conscience

R. Paul's Warning – vs. 19-20

1. Don't reject the faith
2. Don't speak evil of the gospel
3. Learn from the example of Hymenaeus & Alexander

- a) Shipwrecked
- b) Given up – excommunicated
- c) Delivered unto Satan

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II. The Church and its Members

A. Prayer in the worship service – vs. 1-8

1. The priority of prayer – first of all
How many will come to a church dinner but are absent at the church prayer meeting?
(Acts 6:4; Ephesians 6:18; Hebrews 4:16; James 4:2; Philippians 4:6)
2. The false purposes of prayer
 - a) Hypocrisy – demonstrating a public performance (Matthew 6:5-7)
 - b) Formality – limiting prayer to a specific time and place (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
 - c) Passivity – using prayer as a substitute for action
 - d) Emergency – making prayer a last resort
3. The process of prayer
 - a) Petitions – Supplications – offering a request for a need
 - b) Personal Prayers – emphasis on God and our worship and reverence of Him
 - c) Pleading – Intercessions – conversation with God as our friend, confidence in Him
 - d) Praising – Thanksgiving – expressing gratitude
4. The people we should pray for
 - a) People in general – all men
(saved/unsaved, near/far away, friends/enemies)

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- b)** People in authority
Presidents/governors, mayors/councilmen
- 5.** The purpose of prayer
The purpose of prayer is not to get man's will done in heaven, but to get God's will done on earth
 - a)** Salvation of all men
 - b)** Know the truth
- 6.** The person to whom we are praying
 - a)** Jesus Christ our mediator – the go-between
 - b)** Jesus Christ our ransom – the price for redeeming us of our sin
 - c)** Jesus Christ our all – everyone will know of Him in due time
- 7.** The passion of Paul to share the gospel
 - a)** Preacher – the messenger from the king
 - b)** Apostle – the messenger sent from God
 - c)** Teacher
- 8.** The practice of prayer – everywhere
 - a)** Lifting up holy hands – emphasis on our spiritual condition more than the physical position (James 4:8; Psalm 24:4; 66:18)
 - b)** Without wrath – no anger in your heart (Philippians 2:14)
 - c)** Without doubting – in faith (Mark 11:24-26; Hebrews 11:6)

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B. Women in the Church vs. 9-15

Two extreme positions

- No distinction in the role of genders
“You can do anything a man can do”
- Women are to be seen not heard
“You can’t do anything in the church”

1. Outward appearance – vs. 9

a) Adorn – put in proper order, arrange, prepare

(This Greek word is where we get the English word cosmetics)

b) Modest – orderly, well arranged

(This Greek word is a form of the word used for adorn)

(This is the only time that the word modest is used in the Bible)

c) Apparel – garment let down, long robe

d) Shamefacedness – bashful, respect, honor for others, excessive modesty

e) Sobriety – self control, moderation

f) Broided – twisted, braided

g) Costly array – expensive clothing

2. Inward character – vs. 10

a) Women are to be distinguished not for their outward appearance but for their inward character of godliness

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- b)** Women should determine to be adorned with good works rather than visible decoration
- 3.** Learning – vs. 11
 - a)** The emphasis is on listening/learning rather than preaching/teaching in the church service
 - b)** Silence – peaceful, quiet, undisturbing
- 1 Corinthians 14:34-35** Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.
- c)** Subjection – submission to their husbands (willingly placing yourself under authority)
- 4.** Teaching – vs. 12
 - a)** Usurp – taking power, position or authority without permission
 - b)** Women should not teach/preach where they would be taking the place of male leadership specifically in the church service. (Women are permitted to teach other ladies Titus 2:3-4)

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5. Three explanations for this role of women
a) God's order in Creation – man then woman

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

Genesis 2:22-23 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, *This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. The issue is the man's authority – his priority does not mean superiority*

- b) Rejection of God's order

(1) Eve was deceived by the serpent and assumed the leadership role by not submitting to her husband

(2) Adam disobeyed God by listening to his wife and not heeding God's command

- c) Saved in childbearing

(1) Not salvation from sin

(2) Not necessarily physical safety in child bearing

(3) The Savior came from a woman in child birth

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C. The Pastor – vs. 1-7

1. Who is the pastor?

a) “If a man desire” – he has a longing for, to stretch out to reach something

b) “desireth” – sets his heart and mind toward a good work

2. Words used to describe the pastor

a) Bishop – overseer, superintendent (episcopos) 1 Timothy 3:1; 1 Peter 5:2; Acts 20:28

b) Pastor – shepherd, feed, care (poimen) 1 Peter 5:2; Ephesians 4:11

c) Preacher – proclaim the truth (kerux) 2 Timothy 4:2; Romans 10:14

d) Elder – mature (presbuteros) 1 Timothy 5:17

e) Teacher (didaskalos) Ephesians 4:11

f) Minister – servant (diakonas) 2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Corinthians 3:5

g) Leader – rule over, watch, guide, give account

Hebrews 13:7, 17

h) Laborer – worker 1 Corinthians 3:9

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3. Wrong reasons for choosing a pastor
 - a) Popularity
 - b) Past traditions or practices
 - c) Politics – influence, manipulation
 - d) Pocketbook, wealth

4. Qualifications to be a pastor
 - a) Blameless – nothing to take hold upon – accusations will not stick; good character and reputation
 - b) Husband of one wife – a one woman man; marital status and moral practice; may not be divorced (Proverbs 6:32-33); continual faithfulness to your wife
 - c) Vigilant – self controlled, clear thinking, good judgment, cautious
 - d) Sober – calm, serious mind, not foolish, good decision maker, not jumping to conclusions
 - e) Good behavior – respectable and orderly, disciplined life, not careless
 - f) Hospitable – fond of guests, love for people
 - g) Apt to teach – able to instruct
 - h) Not given to wine – avoid alcohol (Proverbs 20:1)

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- i)** No striker – does not strike back either physically or verbally, patient, doesn't react but carefully responds
- j)** Not greedy of filthy lucre – not motivated by money, content
- k)** Patient – gentle, able to handle criticism
- l)** Not a brawler – not contentious
- m)** Not covetous – not a lover of money
- n)** Ruleth well his own house – well ordered homes (church is a family not a business)
- o)** Having your children in subjection – losing control of your children
- p)** Not a novice – spiritually mature, not lifted up with pride
- q)** Good report – good reputation

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D. The Deacon – vs. 8-13

~We think that a deacon is one who should be able to pass the offering plate/communion plate with a smile, never miss anyone who would like to participate, patiently wait for each one who is completing their check/envelope or taking of the elements and never drop the offering plate or spill the communion juice.

~We think that a deacon should have the spiritual gift of donukopheia – the ability to serve coffee and doughnuts.

~We think the deacon is someone who will do what no one else wants to do.

1. Thoughts about the deacon

a) The qualifications of the pastor are very similar to the qualifications for a deacon

b) The qualifications are spiritual in nature although some of their duties may be secular (Acts 6:1-6 – serving tables)

c) The word “deacon” is not found in the book of Acts although we have recorded for us possibly the first selection of men who would eventually be called deacons.

d) The men chosen in the book of Acts were men of a good testimony, guided by the Spirit and knowledgeable

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- e) The word “deacon” refers to the relationship between the servant and his work in contrast to the word “servant” which refers to the relationship between the servant and his master
- 2. Qualifications of a deacon
 - a) Grave – honest, serious minded, worthy of respect because he takes his work seriously
 - b) Not double-tongued – saying one thing to one person and another thing to another person; keeps his word and can keep things confidential
 - c) Not given to much wine – avoid alcohol
 - d) Not greedy of filthy lucre – not greedy of financial gain; careful with handling their own money and the church’s money
 - e) Holding to the faith – grounded in the Word of God; not professing one thing and practicing another
 - f) Proven – to recognize as genuine after examination; testing with expectation of favorable results
 - g) Blameless – free from accusation
 - h) Ruling their own house
 - (1) Wives should be grave – honest, serious
 - (2) Wives should not be slanderers – false accusers

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- (3)** Wives should be sober – self controlled (vigilant)
- (4)** Wives should be faithful – consistent
- (5)** Husband of one wife – a one woman man; marital status and moral practice; may not be divorced
- (6)** Ruling their children well – a well ordered home
- i)** Reward – those who serve as deacons take steps of growth in the Lord and acquire confidence to serve Christ
- E.** The House of God – vs. 14-16
 - 1.** The intentions of Paul to come and see Timothy
 - 2.** The challenge for conduct in the church
 - 3.** The church of the living God
 - 4.** The pillar and ground of truth – the support and foundation of truth
 - a)** Jesus came to earth in the flesh
 - b)** Jesus was sinless and perfect
 - c)** Jesus proclaimed the truth and many believed
 - d)** Jesus is at the right hand of the throne of God

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Chapter 4

III. The Church and its Minister

A. A Good Minister who Preaches the Word –
vs. 1-6

- 1.** The Certainty of Apostasy
 - a)** Paul had warned them of false teachers (Acts 20:28-31) (From within the church)
 - b)** Last times refers to the times leading up to the rapture
- 2.** The Components of Apostasy
 - a)** Source is Satan – looks good on the outside but is deadly on the inside
 - b)** Seduced by false teachers, smooth talkers, deceptive
 - c)** Speak lies – they are hypocrites – say one thing and do another
 - d)** Seared conscience – they believe the lie because their heart is hardened (they do not feel guilty of sin)
 - e)** Spiritual extremism
 - (1)** Forbidding marriage
 - (2)** Forbidding the eating of meat
 - (a)** We are to eat with thanksgiving
 - (b)** We are to eat to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- 3.** Confronting Apostasy
 - a)** Preach the truth
 - (1)** Warn about false doctrines
 - (2)** Teach people doctrine

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b) Study the Word

(1) Learn new things

(2) Retain what you have learned

B. A Godly Minister who Practices the Word –

vs. 7-12

1. Put off the bad – profane and wives' fables – traditions and teachings that are opposed to the Word of God

2. Practice that which is good – spiritual exercise

a) Bodily exercise is temporary

b) Spiritual exercise

(1) Profitable – long term results

(2) Hard Work

3. Preach and teach the Word

4. Present yourself as an example

a) Word – speech

b) Conversation – behavior

c) Love – motivation

d) Spirit – attitude and enthusiasm

e) Faith – conviction and our beliefs

f) Purity – pure in mind, heart & body

C. A Growing Minister who Progresses in the Word – vs. 13-16

1. Reading and studying (especially the Word)

2. Instruction and admonition of doctrine – Preaching and teaching with application

3. Neglect not your gift

a) Spiritual gift

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- b)** Gift and calling of God
 - c)** Gift recognized by others
- 4.** Meditate on these things – consider and think about
- 5.** Give thyself to them – be in them
- 6.** Grow – let others see your growth
- 7.** Evaluate yourself and your doctrine
- 8.** Stay faithful to the Word
 - a)** For the sake of your own life
 - b)** For the sake of those who will hear your teaching and see your example of godliness

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IV. The Church and its Ministry

A. Fellowship with the Saints (5:1-2)

1. Treat the older men as fathers

Emphasis on respect

2. Treat the younger men as brothers

Emphasis on relationship

3. Treat the older women as mothers

Emphasis on parenthood

4. Treat the younger women as sisters

Emphasis on purity

B. Fairness for Widows (5:3-10)

1. Widows indeed (true widows in need)

a) Show respect to them – place a value upon them

b) Consider their resources

(1) Children and grandchildren should care for them

(2) They should show respect to them and repay them

c) Note their reactions (to being widowed)

(1) Dedication to the Lord in prayer

(2) Drowning themselves in worldly pleasures (contrast to those who are dedicated)

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- d) Warning to their relations
 - (1) Provide for your own house
 - (2) Practice the faith that you profess to have
- e) Determine the requirements to be place on the list for church support
 - (1) Those under 60 years of age probably would marry again
 - (2) Those having been married only once probably would marry again

It seems that their were spiritual expectations of those whom the church was supporting

- f) Evaluate her reputation
 - (1) Good person (good works)
 - (2) Giving person (humble, hospitable, helpful)

2. Younger widows (5:11-15)

It appears that the arrangement was that if the church supported a widow that they would remain a widow to serve the Lord

- a) Reasons for refusing to support them
 - (1) They will have a desire to be married
 - (2) They may feel guilty for prematurely making that commitment to remain unmarried

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- (3)** If cared for by the church for too long there may be temptations to be lay or idle
 - (a)** Tattlers – foolish talking (gossip)
 - (b)** Busybodies – concern for other people’s business
- b)** Recommendations for younger widows
 - (1)** Remarriage
 - (2)** Have Children
 - (3)** Guide the home
 - (4)** Be careful not to let Satan have an opportunity to draw them away
- 3.** Related widows (5:16)
 - a)** Care for your own family
 - b)** Allow the church to care for those who don’t have family

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C. Faithfulness to the Elders

1. Acknowledgment (5:17-18)

a) Ruling – superintending

The Head of the Church is Jesus Christ and the Pastor is to lead the Church as led by the Holy Spirit

b) Role – laboring in the Word and doctrine

There is an emphasis and distinction between Pastors ruling and teaching

c) Reward – generous and adequate pay (Honor – honorarium)

1 Corinthians 9:9, 14; Deuteronomy 25:4

2. Accusations (5:19-20)

a) Requirements – two or three witnesses

Be sure of the facts – no rumors, gossip or suspicions

b) Results – public rebuke

Battles that the Pastor faces

- Becoming **Authoritarian** – inflexible, unteachable, proud, dictatorial
- Becoming **Exclusive** – I/we alone are right – everyone is against us; isolationist; cliques
- Becoming **Greedy** – hungering for money
- Becoming **Defensive** – justifying actions, rationalizing, twisting Scripture to fit your lifestyle

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- Becoming **Sensual** – becoming too familiar with women, physical desires not constrained
- Becoming **Unaccountable** – secretive, irresponsible, untouchable, unapproachable
- Becoming **Lazy** – Little preparation, study

3. Accepting (5:21-22, 24-25)

- a) Treat each person fairly – do not judge prematurely (have all the facts)
- b) Treat each person equally – do not show partiality
- c) Test each person diligently – let a man prove himself
- d) Take heed to guard yourself – stay pure
- e) The Truth is necessary
 - (1) Those who sin
 - (a) Some is visible beforehand
 - (b) Some is revealed afterward
 - (2) Those who serve
 - (a) Some is visible beforehand
 - (b) That which is unknown will be revealed in their character

4. Attention (5:23)

- a) Physical health is important
- b) Use a little wine for medicinal purposes

D. Faithfulness for Servants (6:1-2)

- 1. Those who serve unbelievers
 - a) Honor them
 - b) Work hard for them

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- c) Respect them
 - d) Do not despise them because they are an unbeliever
 - e) Our attitude and work habits are a testimony of our faith in Christ
2. Those who serve believers
- a) Don't take advantage of the situation because of your faith in Christ
 - b) Don't escape your responsibilities
 - c) Be their best worker

Facts about authority

- It is easier to rebel against authority than to submit to authority
- Those in authority can misuse their position or hurt others by their abuse of that position
- There are some in authority who have not earned our respect
- Submitting to God may involve resisting authority

E. False Teachers (6:3-5)

1. The Marks of these false teachers
- a) Refuse to obey the teaching of the Word and doctrine of godliness
 - b) Display an attitude of pride – to wrap in a smoke or mist; thinking they know everything when really they know nothing

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- c) Doting – sick; sick in the head, endless questions, strife over words – give different definitions and meanings to words
 - d) Envious of the success of others
 - e) Strife with those who will not yield to their opinions
 - 2. The Mentality of these false teachers
 - a) Railings – harsh and abusive words
 - b) Evil surmisings – suspicions, thinking the worst about people
 - c) Perverse disputings – constant disputes which cannot be settled
 - d) Corrupt minds – ruined, rotten
 - e) Destitute of the truth – bankruptcy of their minds
 - 3. The Motive of these false teachers
 - a) Improper motivation for teaching
 - b) Thinking that godliness is a source of financial gain
 - c) Using their religious profession as a means to make money
 - 4. The Mandate – withdraw yourself from them
 - F. Facts about Finances (6:6-10)
 - 1. Wealth does not bring contentment
 - ~Gain does not bring Godliness
 - ~True contentment comes from Godliness in the heart not wealth in the hand
 - ~Depending on material things for peace and assurance will never bring satisfaction because

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material things have a way of losing their appeal

2. Wealth is not lasting

~We brought nothing in to this world and we will not take anything with us when we leave

~Gold is temporary but Godliness lasts forever

3. Be content with the basic needs – food, clothing, shelter

~A man is wealthy in proportion to the number of things he can afford to do without

~We know the price of everything and the value of nothing

~We have so many luxuries that we have forgotten how to enjoy our necessities

4. The desire for wealth leads to sin

~Riches are a trap – they lead to bondage not freedom

~Riches don't bring satisfaction – they bring additional desires which must be satisfied

~The desire to get rich can become a consuming passion

5. The love of money leads to many sorrows

G. Final Thoughts to the Pastor (6:11-21)

1. Flee – separate yourself from sin and those who love riches (vs. 11)

2. Follow – pursue (vs. 11)

a) Righteousness – condition of being acceptable unto God

b) Godliness – reverence, respect, piety

c) Faith – belief in God

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- d)** Love
 - e)** Patience – endurance
 - f)** Meekness – gentleness, humility
- 3.** Fight – contend, strive (vs. 12)
- 4.** Fasten yourself to eternal life (vs. 12)
 - a)** Call of service
 - b)** Confession of salvation
- 5.** Focus on Christ – I charge thee (vs. 13-16)
 - a)** The Example
 - (1)** God quickeneth all things – He gives life to all things
 - (2)** Jesus testified boldly before Pilate
 - b)** The Exhortation – Keep the commandment
 - (1)** Be without spot
 - (2)** Unrebukeable – blameless
 - c)** The Exclamation – the Lord’s return
 - (1)** Absolute in Power
 - (a)** Ruler One, Potentate
 - (b)** Royal One, King of Kings
 - (c)** Reigning One, Lord of Lords
 - (2)** Ageless in Person – alive forevermore
 - (3)** Awesome in Presence
 - (a)** Inaccessible because of the Light
 - (b)** Invisible – concealed in this life
 - (4)** Arrayed in Praise and Honor
- 6.** Forewarn the Rich (vs. 17-19)
 - a)** Don’t be highminded – arrogant, proud

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- b)** Don't trust in earthly riches but in the Lord who gives eternal riches
 - c)** Do good
 - d)** Good works
 - e)** Good distribution
 - f)** Good communication
 - g)** Good planning (investing for the future)
- 7.** Be Faithful (vs. 20-21)
- a)** Duty – keep (guard, watch over) that which has been committed to thy trust
 - b)** Danger – avoid empty discussions and conversations, false knowledge, arguments