

1 TIMOTHY

Summary Of 1 Timothy: Paul writes this letter to Timothy, who pastors the church in Ephesus. He tells him how to develop the local church and local church leaders. He deals with doctrine, worship, membership, and leadership. The key verse is 3:15: *"I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."*

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THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Chapter 1

Summary: The Church's mission is to teach sound doctrine, proclaim the Gospel, and defend the faith.

I. Teach sound doctrine [teach the saved] (1-11): (A) Paul greets them (1-2); (B) avoid false doctrine (3-4a); (C) teach sound doctrine (4b-11).

II. Proclaim the Gospel [win the lost] (12-17): Proclaim it: (A) by His grace (12-14); (B) with His message (15); (C) as His example (16-17).

III. Defend the faith [fight the good fight] (18-20): (A) Follow your calling (18); (B) use your equipment (19-20).

Lesson: *The local church must stay focused on its mission.*