



NEW TESTAMENT • PAULINE LETTERS

1 Timothy

A household of faith marked by integrity.

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The big picture

Instruction to Timothy concerns teaching, public worship, leadership, generosity, and the care of vulnerable members. Faithfulness must be visible in character rather than merely asserted in words. The letter warns against speculative teaching and treating godliness as a route to wealth. Its difficult passages deserve careful historical study alongside its clear concern for a church whose life makes the gospel credible.

Words to carry

“Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12 · KJV · excerpt

Live it

01 Examine whether your words and conduct tell the same story.

02 Support a vulnerable person through a trusted community effort.

03 Practice contentment before making a nonessential purchase.

Pause & reflect

What kind of example am I becoming through small repeated choices?

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