



SERMON BASED STUDY GUIDE

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1 TIMOTHY WEEK 2

OPENING & PRAYER:

Paul sets Timothy in Ephesus and charges him to guard gospel sanity in a city shaped by a fertility cult. The faithful saying lands first. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and Paul calls himself the chief so that mercy in him becomes a pattern for future believers. The text climbs into doxology, naming God eternal, immortal, invisible, then hands Timothy a charge tethered to prophecy. Prophetic words are not shelf art. They are weapons. Timothy is to wage good warfare with faith and a clean conscience, because some have rejected both and shipwrecked their faith.

“Lord, thank You for bringing us together at this moment right now. We ask that You would stir our hearts and minds to be curious about You and kind to one another. Please reveal more of Yourself to us as we grow closer to You and one another. We thank You for this small group time we’re about to have. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

SCRIPTURE:

And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

1 Timothy 1:14-15

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:16-17

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:18-20

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 5:5

Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

2 Timothy 4:14-15

And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

2 Timothy 2:17-18

Chapter 2

Therefore I exhort first of all 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.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

1 Timothy 2:3-5

who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 2:6-7

I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

1 Timothy 2:8-10

And the women should be the same way (Pray), quiet and sensible in manner and clothing. Christian women should be noticed for being kind and good, not for the way they fix their hair or because of their jewels or fancy clothes.

1 Timothy 2:9-10 The Living Bible

Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

1 Timothy 2:11-15

Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

1 Timothy 2:11 KJV

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.

1 Corinthians 11:3-5

But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God.

1 Corinthians 11:16

Priscilla Instructed Apollos

So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Acts 18:26

Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

Romans 16:7

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Ephesians 5:22

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

1 Timothy 2:14

Notwithstanding she shall be saved (Sozo) in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

1 Timothy 2:15

This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

1 Timothy 3:1-2

GO DEEPER:

Church discipline follows. The text names Hymenaeus and Alexander and says they were delivered to Satan. That is not Paul sacking the devil. That is the fellowship withdrawing its cover from men who chose deception, so that the attack they are courting will drive them to repentance. The same logic explains the Pharaoh language. God allowed what a hardened heart had already chosen.

Chapter 2 moves to prayer. God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. So prayer rises for all, especially rulers, so that a quiet, gospel-friendly peace opens doors for salvation. There is one God and one mediator, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. That is the center.

Context is king in Ephesus. The Artemis temple shaped the air. Wealthy women ruled that space, and the uniform preached fertility and display. So the text calls for modest apparel, propriety, and self-control. It is not a ban on wedding bands or earrings. It is a pushback on an idol script that turned hair into status towers braided with gold and bodies into billboards.

“Let a woman learn in silence with all submission” is next. Silence here means settledness, not meddling. Usurping is the issue, not gifting. The text forbids a wife from seizing authority over her husband. Paul stays consistent. Daughters prophesy. Women pray and prophesy. Priscilla helps tune Apollos. Junia is noted among the apostles. Order is not gag order. Order is Adam first, then Eve, in the home. When a wife is gladly under her own husband’s headship and a husband lays down his life, ministry from women is not only permitted but promised by the Spirit.

The strange line about being “saved through childbearing” is not salvation by motherhood. Sozo speaks of preservation. The promise guards mothers through the peril of birth as faith, love, holiness, and self-control continue. The gospel saves. God

keeps. And the household gets put back into God's design in the shadow of a temple that preached the reverse.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. Christ's mercy becomes a pattern. Christ does not just forgive Paul. He makes Paul's story a model for future sinners who despair of grace. The chief of sinners turns into a faithful apostle so no one can say they are disqualified from rescue. Mercy received becomes mercy preached, and doxology is the only right aftermath. **[06:08]**

2. Prophetic words are for warfare. The text treats prophecy as ammunition, not entertainment. A Spirit-given word anchors courage when sickness hits or storms rise, because it ties faith to God's specific promise. Written down and prayed through, it trains the heart to contend rather than collapse. **[06:58]**

3. Discipline withdraws cover to heal. Handing someone to Satan is not vengeance but clarity. When deception is chosen and spread, fellowship steps back so consequences can do their humbling work. The aim is not ruin but repentance, because exposed lies often become the doorway back to truth. **[09:36]**

4. Pray for rulers, guard the gospel. Intercession targets all people and especially those in authority so peace creates room for the word to run. The prayer is not politically naive. It asks God to restrain what opposes Christ and to favor what advances salvation. Gospel clarity, not party loyalty, sets the aim. **[18:51]**

5. Modesty resists the idol's script. Ephesus trained women to preach with hair and gold what Artemis demanded. Paul refuses to let that costume catechize the church. Modesty is not about shame but about freedom from display, so that holiness and good works, not curated allure, do the talking. **[24:30]**

LEARNING AND GROWING:

1. According to 1 Timothy 2:1-2, what is the purpose of praying for rulers and authorities? How does this connect to the broader goal of the gospel? **[18:51]**
2. In 1 Timothy 2:12, Paul restricts women from “exercising authority over a man.” How does this instruction align with examples of women like Priscilla and Junia actively serving in ministry elsewhere in Scripture? **[37:28]**
3. Why might Paul link modesty to resisting cultural idolatry in Ephesus, and how does this redefine the purpose of outward appearance for believers?
4. How can you actively use prophetic promises or Scripture to “wage warfare” in areas where you’re facing discouragement or spiritual attack? **[06:58]**
5. In a culture obsessed with status symbols (e.g., fashion, social media), what choices could reflect modesty as a rejection of self-promotion and a commitment to godly values? **[24:30]**

CLOSING PRAYER:

“Father, thank you for the opportunities to grow in our faith. We will continue to lean on Your Word as we grow to bring people to know you. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”