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ACTS 17:11

1 Timothy 1:3-5
Lesson #2
Orthodoxy
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1 Timothy

*Operations Manual for
Shepherding a troubled church.*

Our
Mission

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.		
Ch.1	Ch.2-3	Ch.4-6

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1 Timothy 1

“3 As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus, in order that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange (**different**) doctrines, 4 nor to pay attention to (**get stuck on**) myths (**fiction**) and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation (**mysteries**) rather than furthering the administration (**stewardship**) of God which is by faith. 5 But the goal (**end**) of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

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What should we learn from 1 Timothy 1:3-5?

1. Sound doctrine is vulnerable and needs pastoral vigilance.

Galatians 1

“6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a **different gospel**; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are **disturbing** you, and want to **distort** the gospel of Christ. 8 But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel **contrary** to that which **we have preached to you**, let him be accursed.”

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The Christian message has always received a mixed response in this world.

John 1

“11 He came to His own, and those who were His own **did not receive Him**. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,”

1 Corinthians 1

“22 For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we **preach** Christ crucified, **to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness**, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”


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Lessons for us

- Don't let **popularity** define the message or dictate ministry.
- As aliens we should **expect opposition to the Gospel**.
- As aliens we should **NOT expect dominion in this age**.

Matthew 7:14

“For the gate is small, and **the way is narrow** that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”



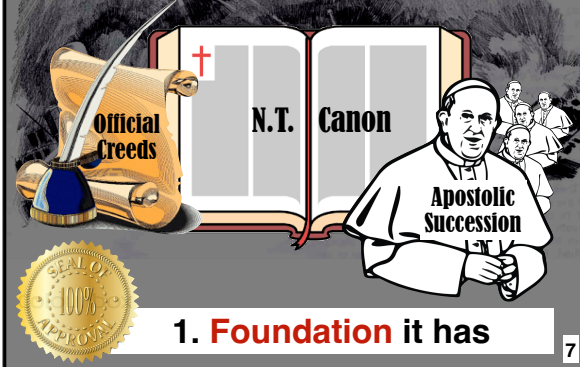
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What should we learn from 1 Timothy 1:3-5?

1. Sound doctrine is **vulnerable** and needs pastoral **vigilance**.
2. Sound doctrine can be **identified** by the:

Foundation it has.
Fallowing it attracts.
Fruit it bears.

As the Apostles died, how did the early church perpetuate the message?

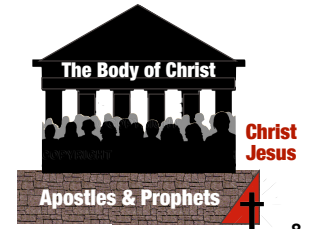


1. **Foundation** it has

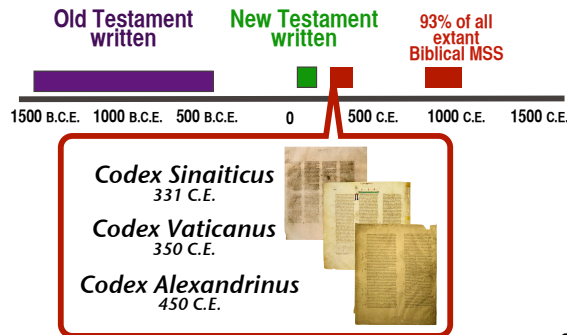
Ephesians 2:20-21

“(the church) having been built on the **foundation** of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the **corner stone**, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy **temple** in the Lord.”

The epistles of the New Testament (Apostolic teachings) are the **foundation of Christian theology**.



Three Greek manuscripts are at the core of our modern translations of the Bible.



“Biblical scholarship has increased the basis of my personal faith to see the firmness with which these materials have come down to us, with a multiplicity of copies, some of which are very, very ancient. I’ve asked questions all my life, I’ve dug into the text, I’ve studied this throughout, and today I know with confidence that my trust in Jesus has been well placed. Very well placed.”



Bruce Metzger

“Most of the changes found in our early Christian manuscripts have nothing to do with theology or ideology. Far and away the most changes are the result of mistakes, pure and simple - slips of the pen, accidental omissions, inadvertent additions, misspelled words, blunders of one sort or another.”



Bart Ehrman in *Misquoting Jesus* pp. 10, 55-56, 62, 94, 177

2. Following it attracts

How did the early church come to officially affirm the present list of N.T. books?

Apostolic Origin

Theological Consistency

Universal Recognition

Liturgical Power

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2. Following it attracts

Western

Eastern

Southern

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3. Fruit it bears

The Word of God is a document.

The Word of God is a message.

Power & Wisdom of God

The Word of God is a person.

Personification (flesh & blood) Son of God

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3. Fruit it bears

1 Timothy 1

“3 ... that you may instruct certain men not to teach **strange doctrines**, nor **myths** and **endless genealogies**, which give rise to mere **speculation**”

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How is 1 Tim.1:3-5 relevant for today?

The WORD of the Cross

The WAY of the Cross

When eternal life is central

When spiritual experience is central

When social justice is central

Christ FOR us

Christ IN us

Christ THROUGH us

When being the Body of Christ is central

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In America this is not the case.

We voluntarily adopt state values into the church.

In China the state's values are forced on the church.

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1. We are to look for and **welcome** the 2nd coming of Christ.
2. The prophets say that **before** he comes there will be a “one world government”.
3. Many of us **fight against** a “one world government”.
4. Our politics suggests that we want Christ’s coming but not on **his terms**.

What part of the Scripture do we not believe or are unwilling to accept?

*Could it be that our **political** fears and hopes need adjusting?*

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Some popular books in the 20th cent. on End Times Prophecy

Too much attention goes to explaining obscure signs and not enough to clear ethical implications.

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Predicted dates of Christ’s return and the END

70	1533 (Oct.19)	1763 (Feb.28)	1880	1954 (Dec.21)	1995
247	1534 (April 5)	1780 (May 19)	1881	1957 (Apr.29)	1996 (Dec.13)
365	1544	1789	1890	1958	1997 '9
380	1555	1790	1891	1959 (Apr.22)	1998 '15
500	1556 (July 22)	1792	1895	1960	1999 '36
793 (April 6)	1583 (April 28)	1794	1896	1962 (Feb.4)	2000 '59
800	1584	1794	1896	1966	
806	1588	1801	1899	1967 (Aug.20)	2001 '17
848	1600	1805	1900	1969 (Aug.9)1972	2002 '6
870 (March 25)	1603	1814 (Dec.25)	1908 (April 23)	1973	2003 '6
992	1623 1624	1820 (Oct.14)	1910 (May 18)	1974	2004
995	(Feb. 1)	1832	1911	1975	2005 '3
1000	1648 1654	1836	1914 (Oct.1)	1976	2006 (Feb.12)
1033	1656	1843 (April 28)	1915	1977	2007 '4
1184	1657	1844 (Mar.21)	1918	1978	2008 (Mar. 21)
1186 (Sept.23)	1658	1845	1919 (Dec.17)	1979	2009
1260	1660	1846	1925 (Feb.19)	1980 (April.1)	2010
1284	1666 1673	1847 (April 7)	1928	1981 (June 28)	2011 (Dec.31)
1290	1688	1849	1934	1982 (Mar.10)	2012 (Dec.21)
1306	1689	1851	1935	1983	2017
1335	1694	1856	1936	1984 (Oct.2)	2020 (Sept.27)
1367	1697	1862	1938	1985 (Mar.25)	2022 (Jan.1)
1370	1700	1863	1941	1986	2025
1420 (Feb.14)	1708	1867	1943	1987 (Apr.29)	2026
1496	1716	1868	1945 (Sept.21)	1988 (Sep.15)	2033
1504	1719 (April5)	1869	1947	1989 (Sept.30)	2035
1524 (Feb.20)	1724	1870 (June 28)	1950	1990 (April 23)	2037
1525	1736 (Oct.13)	1872	1952	1991 (Mar.31)	2040
1528 (May 27)	1757	1874	1953 (Jan.9)	1992 (April 26)	
1532	1761 (April 5)	1878	1953	1993 (Nov.14)	
				1994 (Sept.29)	

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The Holy Ark’s entrance initiates the Jewish service

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The Bible is central to many Evangelical congregations.

Is Timothy warning us about **Bibliolatry**?

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Biblical inerrancy?

Mark 1:2

“As it is written in **Isaiah** the prophet, “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way;”

Malachi 3:1

“Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me.”

This quote is from Malachi, not Isaiah.

Matthew and Luke avoid this “error”.



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2 Kings 17:37

“The statutes and the ordinances and the law and the commandment which He wrote for you, you shall observe to do **forever**;”

Greek $\alpha\iota\omega\upsilon$ aion, Hebrew עולם olam

These words while translated “forever” or “eternal”, have various meanings including “an age” or “duration of time”

The word “forever or eternal” is used 56 times in the Old Testament in connection with things

that have already ended or will end!

Ex.21:6, 31:16 (Heb.8:13), 1 Sam.1:22, Isa.65:17 (2 Pet.3:10) etc.

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Four views of Biblical inerrancy

	Treatment of information		Results of correct interpretation
	Scientific historical	Theological spiritual	
Absolute	perfect	perfect	perfect
Full	through human eyes	perfect	perfect
Limited	reflecting ancient culture	authoritative in context	perfect
Purpose	reflecting ancient culture	reflecting ancient culture	relative to our culture

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Lessons for us

- The **main thing** is to keep the main thing, the main thing.
- The authority of the Scripture lies in its message, not in its **literary precision**.
- Treat the Biblical **material respectfully**.

2 Timothy 2:15

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **handling accurately** the word of truth.”



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1 Timothy 1:5

“But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

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Next lesson
1Tim.1:6-11

Using the Law lawfully



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