**Structure of 1 Timothy**

1. Paul, his apostleship according to charge of God our Saviour
2. to Timothy, genuine child … grace, mercy and peace
3. Paul encouraged Timothy – remain at Ephesus (Paul going into Macedonia)

to charge some not to teach otherwise,

rather than: a) the dispensation of God

 b) lawful use of the law

 c) the sound teaching, according to…

 d) the gospel of the glory of the happy God

A. Paul, his empowerment, appointment

 God’s mercy, grace

 Faithful the word: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – Paul first – a pattern

 God’s mercy, patience

Doxology: to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, only God *be* honor and glory. Amen.

Paul’s charge committed to Timothy – his empowerment (according to prophecies) – war the good warfare

Paul encouraged prayers for all, for kings and all in superiority

Sub-Doxology: one God, one Mediator…the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself a ransom for all, the testimony for its own seasons

Paul appointed herald, apostle, teacher of nations

1. Counsel concerning husbands and wives
2. Faithful the word: overseership a good work

overseer qualifications – 17 things

deacon qualifications - 9 things; their wives’ qualifications – 4 things

deaconing well – good standing

1. Paul’s hope to join Timothy soon, but if delayed…
2. “How to” instruction for Timothy to care for the church, house of God
3. Pillar and base of the truth, and confessedly great the mystery of the piety – 6 things

Spirit’s warning about later on

1. deceiving spirits
2. teachings of demons

E. Timothy a good deacon

closely following the good teaching

exercising piety – profitable – promise of life, the now and the coming: Faithful the word

1. Timothy’s appointment – become a model

 until I come give heed to the reading, the encouragement, the teaching

use the prophetic gift

his advancement manifest to all

paying heed to the teaching he would save himself and his hearers

Timothy’s handling of others – older/younger men & women

D. Instruction concerning widows and their families

E. Instruction for dealing with elders

those who manage well

those under accusation

convict sinners

be impartial

don’t choose hastily

(drink wine for your health)

visibility of sins and good works

D. Instruction concerning slaves

1. Timothy to teach and encourage these things

if anyone teaches otherwise, not coming toward:

1. sound words
2. which are of our Lord Jesus Christ
3. even the according to piety teaching
4. the great gain of piety with self-sufficiency

Paul’s command to Timothy – fight the good fight

 seize the eternal life – your calling and confession

 Doxology: epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ, which will show in its own seasons

 the happy and only Ruling Power, King of those reigning … Amen

Command for the wealthy – treasure: a good foundation

1. Final command to Timothy – guard the commitment (deposit)

Grace