**Topics in the Pastoral Epistles**

1. **Sound Teaching**

* **What is opposed to it**
  + Lawless and insubordinate ones
  + Impious and sinful ones
  + Undevout and profane ones
  + Parricides and matricides
  + Murderers
  + Fornicators
  + Sodomites
  + Slave-dealers
  + Liars
  + Perjurers (1 Ti.1:9-10)
  + Innate passions
  + Heaps of teachers
  + The itching ear
  + The myths (2 Ti.4:3-4)
    - Myths and endless genealogies – a cause of controversies (1 Ti.1:4)
    - Profane and silly myths – opposed to piety (1 Ti.4:7) – implied as belonging to the “teachings of demons” (1 Ti.4:1)
    - Jewish myths and commandments of men – opposed to the truth (Ti.1:14); opposed to the ritual purity of all things (Ti.1:15)
  + Liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons (Ti.1:12-13)
  + Slander (malicious gossip)
  + Addicted to wine (Ti.2:3)
  + Embezzling (Ti.2:10)
  + Vain talker
  + Mind-deceiver
  + Certain of the circumcision
  + Filthy gain (Ti.1:9-11)
  + Other teaching (*heterodidaskaleō*) (1 Ti.1:3; 6:3)
  + Puffed up
  + Sick spiritually (*noseō* antonym of *hugiainō*)
    - Inquiries
    - Word-battles
  + Spite
  + Strife
  + Blasphemy
  + Evil suspicions
  + Constant argumentation
  + Depravity
  + Using piety for gain (1 Ti.6:3-5)
  + By negative implication in the exampleship of appointed elders, other servants
    - Violent
    - Loving money
    - Double-tongued (1 Ti.3:1-13)
    - Living self-indulgently (1 Ti.5:6)
    - Meddling – going house-to-house (trafficking)
    - Gossips
    - Busybodies (1 Ti.5:13)
    - One’s children accused of dissipation & insubordination
    - Self-willed
    - Quick-tempered (Ti.1:6-8)
    - Quarrelsome (2 Ti.2:24)
  + By extension, opposed to false doctrine
    - Teachings of demons
    - Hypocrisy
    - Cauterized conscience (1 Ti.4:1-3)
    - Forbidding marriage
    - Abstention from foods – dietary laws (1 Ti.4:1-3)
    - Love of self
    - Boasters
    - Arrogant
    - Insulters
    - Rebellious to parents
    - Ungrateful
    - Undevout
    - Inhuman
    - Merciless
    - Uncontrolled
    - Fierce
    - Not loving good (*agathos*)
    - Traitors
    - Reckless
    - Lovers of pleasure
    - Not lovers of God
    - Exercising a powerless piety
    - Taking captive weak women
    - Ever learning, but never to recognition of truth
    - Corrupted and disapproved (2 Ti.3:1-13)
    - Charlatans
    - Deceiving and being deceived (2 Ti.3:1-13)
* **What is in it**
  + Sober
  + Respectable
  + Self-controlled
  + Reverent
  + Loving husband and children
  + Pure
  + Homebodies
  + Good (*agathos*)
  + Subordinate to husband
  + Teaching good (*kalos*)
  + Purity
  + Above criticism
  + Slaves subordinate to masters – well-pleasing
  + Adorning behavior (Ti.2:2-10)
  + Slaves honoring masters (1 Ti.6:1)
  + Piety, by implication (1 Ti.4:7)
  + Piety with self-sufficiency, by implication (1 Ti.6:6)
  + By implication, the exampleship of appointed elders and other servants
    - Husband of one wife (faithful to marriage vow)
    - Modest
    - Hospitable
    - Able to teach (1 Ti.3:2; 2 Ti.2:24)
    - Gentle
    - Peaceful
    - Good management of his own household
    - Subordinate children
    - Good reputation in the community
    - Pure conscience, with purity as defined in Ti.1:15
    - Blameless (1 Ti.3:1-13)
    - Paying back parents (1 Ti.5:4) – is to show piety (*eusebeō*)
    - Well reported in good works (1 Ti.5:10)
    - Honoring elders who manage well (1 Ti.5:17)
    - Faithful children (Ti.1:6-8)
    - Lover of good (*agathos*)
    - Righteous
    - Holy
    - Temperate (Ti.1:6-8)
    - Forbearing (2 Ti.2:24)
    - Instructing with meekness (2 Ti.2:25)
  + By extension, opposed to false doctrine
    - Reception with thanksgiving (1 Ti.4:4)
* **Synonyms**
  + The Sound Teaching (1 Ti.1:10; 2 Ti.4:3; Ti.2:1), the Teaching the Sound (Ti.1:9)
    - based on Sound Words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Ti.6:3)
    - a pattern of Sound Words in the faith and love which is in Christ Jesus (2 Ti.1:3)
    - leading to Soundness in the faith (Ti.1:13); Soundness in the faith, in the love, in the perseverance (Ti.2:2)
    - the Faithful Word according to the Doctrine (Ti.1:9)
    - an example in the Teaching – a Sound Word (Ti.2:7-8)
    - laboring in Word and in Teaching (1 Ti.5:17)
  + “The Teaching According to Piety” (1 Ti.6:3)
  + “The Good Teaching” – the Words of the Faith (1 Ti.4:6)
    - taught by Teachers of Good (*kalodidaskalos*) (Ti.2:3)
  + “The Teaching which is of our Saviour God” (Ti.2:10) – cp. the Sound Words of our Lord Jesus Christ above
  + “The Teaching”, in short (1 Ti.4:13, 16; 6:1; 2 Ti.3:10; Ti.2:7, 10)
* **Antonyms**
  + Other Teaching (*heteros*, *heterodidaskaleō*) (1 Ti.1:3, 10; 6:3)
    - taught by heaped up teachers (2 Ti.4:3)
  + Law-teachers (*nomodidaskalos*) (1 Ti.1:7)
  + Teachings of Demons (1 Ti.4:1)

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| **Components** | **P.E.** | **Others** |
| Law not for a righteous one (*dikaios*) | 1 Ti.1:9 | Ga.5:22-23 |
| Lawlessness (*anomos*) and… | 1 Ti.1:9; Ti.2:14 | 2 Co.6:14; 1 Co.9:21; Ro.2:12; 4:7; 6:15-19; He.1:8-9; 10:16-17; 1 Jo.3:3-6; 2 Pe.2:8 (Sodom) |
| Insubordinate (*anupotaktos*) | 1 Ti.1:9; Ti.1:6, 10 | He.2:8 |
| not subordinate (*ou* *hupotassō*) |  | Ro.8:7; 10:3 |
| subordinate (*hupotassō*) | Ti.2:5, 9; 3:1 | Ep.5:21-24; Col.3:18; Ro.13:1-7; 1 Co.14:34; 16:15-16; He.12:9; Ja.4:7; 1 Pe.2:13-17, 18; 3:1-5; 1 Pe.5:5 |
| Impious (*asebēs*) and… | 1 Ti.1:9 | Ro.4:5; 5:6; 1 Pe.4:18; 2 Pe.2:5-6; 3:6-7; Ju.1:4; 14-15 |
| Sinners (*hamartōlos*) | 1 Ti.1:9, 15 | Ro.5:8-10, 19; 7:13; Ga.2:15; Ja.4:8; 1 Pe.4:18; Ju.1:14-15 |
| Undevout (*anosios*) and… | 1 Ti.1:9; 2 Ti.3:2 (only here in NT) |  |
| devout (*osios*) | 1 Ti.2:8; Ti.1:8 | He.7:26 |
| devoutness (*osiotēs*) |  | Ep.4:24 |
| Profane (*bebēlos*) | 1 Ti.1:9; 4:7; 6:20; 2 Ti.2:16 | He.12:15-16; Le.10:10 |
| Parricides and matricides, murderers | 1 Ti.1:9 (hapax) | cp. *phoneus* – 1 Pe.4:15; Re.21:8; 22:15 |
| Fornicators (*pornos*) | 1 Ti.1:10 | Eph.5:5; 1 Co.5:9-11; 6:9-10; He.12:16; 13:4; Rev.21:8; 22:15 |
| Sodomites (*arsenokoitēs*) | 1 Ti.1:10 | 1 Co.6:9-10 |
| Slave-dealers (*andrapodistēs*) | 1 Ti.1:10 (hapax) |  |
| Liars (*pseustēs*) | 1 Ti.1:10; Ti.1:12 | Joh.8:44; 1 Jo.2:4; 4:20 |
| Perjurer (*epiorkos*) | 1 Ti.1:10 (hapax) |  |
| swear falsely (*epiorkeō*) |  | Mat.5:33-37 |
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1. **Piety**

* **“The Mystery of the Piety”** (1 Ti.3:14-16)
  + Purpose: teach Timothy how to conduct himself in “God’s house”.
    - Parallels: 1 Ti.3:5 – an overseer who cannot manage his own house will not be able to manage “a house of God (no arts.).”
    - cp. Israel “a spiritual house” – 1 Pet.2:5, and “the house of the God” – 1 Pe.4:17; also Jesus as high priest over “the house of the God” – He.10:21
    - *en oikō theou* – here and 2 Ch.33:7 of Solomon’s temple “of which God said…, ‘In this house and Jerusalem which I chose (*eklegomai*) out of all tribes of Israel…I will put My name…’”
    - “house of God” = “church (*ekklesia*) of God living” (hapax)
  + “A column and base of the truth” – architectural metaphor suitable for “a holy temple in the Lord” (Ep.2:20-22) – cp. “the firm foundation of God” in 2 Ti.2:19
  + “Confessedly great” –
    - the only other “great mystery” concerns Christ and His church (Eph.5:32)
    - surely part of the “good confession” that Timothy had “confessed” (1 Ti.6:12)
    - only other revelation of a confession of greatness concerns Christ as the Great High-priest (Heb.4:14; 3:1; 10:19-23), but that confession cannot be the mystery of the piety (“proclaimed among nations”)
  + No other mystery (secret) connected with piety
    - But “the mystery of the iniquity (lawlessness)” might also be called “the secret of the impiety”
  + Synonyms:
    - “the according to piety teaching” (1 Ti.6:3)
    - “truth that is according to piety” (Ti.1:1)
  + The 6 parts of the mystery of the piety
    - Manifested in flesh
      * the mystery manifested: “Christ in you” (Col.1:25-27)
      * the mystery of Christ…I may manifest it (Col.4:3-4)
      * His own purpose…given us in Christ…before age-times…now manifested by the *epiphaneia* of Christ (2 Ti.1:9-10)
      * truth…according to piety…in hope of eternal life promised before age-times, His word manifested in due seasons (Ti.1:1-3)
      * cp. revelation of a mystery…silenced for age-times …now manifested and by prophetic scriptures disclosed (Rom.16:25-26)
      * cp. you manifest that you are Christ’s letter…written by the Spirit of the living God…on fleshy tablets of the heart (2 Co.3:3)
      * cp. the life of Jesus may be manifested in the body…may be manifested in our mortal flesh (2 Co.4:10-11) – this is a close analogy to “the mystery of the piety”
      * cp. the love of God was manifested in us…we might live by Him (1 Jo.4:9)
    - Justified (made righteous) in spirit
      * renewed in the spirit of your mind…the new man…created…in true righteousness (Eph.4:23-24)
      * washing of rebirth and renewal of holy spirit…having been justified by His grace (Ti.3:5-7)
      * cp. justified in His blood (Rom.5:9)
      * cp. if Christ is in you…the spirit is life because of righteousness (Rom.8:10)
      * cp. you were washed…sanctified…justified…by (*en*) the Spirit of our God (1 Co.6:11)
      * cp. we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Co.5:21)
      * cp. justified by (*dia*) the faith…justified on basis of (*ek*) the faith…justified in Christ (Gal.2:16-17)
    - Appeared to angels
      * The manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places (Eph.3:10) **NB:** the agency of the church
      * cp. an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him (Luk.22:43) **NB:** angels appeared to Christ and to men, not the other way around.
    - Heralded among nations
      * I should evangelize to the nations the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph.3:8)
      * God willed to make known…this mystery among the nations (Col.1:27)
      * The heralding might be fully accomplished through me, and all the nations might hear (2 Ti.4:17)
      * cp. this gospel of the kingdom will be heralded in all the world for a witness to all the nations (Mat.24:14)
      * cp. the gospel must first be heralded unto all the nations (Mar.13:10) **NB:** future event, like Mat.24 above
      * cp. repentance and remission of sins… to be heralded unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem (Luk.24:47) **NB:** future event, like Mat.24 above
      * cp. the heralding of Jesus Christ…the revelation of a mystery…made known unto all the nations (Rom.16:25-26)
      * cp. we herald Christ crucified…to nations (dat.) foolishness (1 Co.1:23)
      * cp. and presented to them the gospel which I herald among the nations (Gal.2:2)
    - Believed in world
      * founded (*themelioō*) and based (*hedrios*)…the gospel which you heard, which was heralded in [the] whole creation which is under the heaven (Col.1:23) **NB:** parallels “foundation (*themelios*) of the apostles and prophets” (Eph.2:20) and “base” (*hedraiōma*) for knowledgeable conduct (1 Ti.3:15)
      * cp. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first…a pattern of those about to believe on Him unto life everlasting (1 Ti.1:15-16)
      * cp. that the world may believe that You sent Me (Joh.17:21)
    - Taken up in glory
      * And raised together and seated together in the heavenly places in Christ (Eph.2:6)
      * He might present to Himself the church glorious (*endoxos*) (Ep.5:27)
      * The riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations, which is Christ among (*or* in) you, the hope of the glory (Col.1:27)
      * You were raised with Christ…the things above where Christ is seated at right hand of God…your life has been hidden with Christ in God…when Christ our life may be manifested, then also we will be manifested with Him in glory (Col.3:1-4)
      * cp. the Lord Jesus…was taken up into the heaven and sat down at right hand of God (Mar.16:19)
      * cp. this Jesus Who was taken up from you into the heaven (Ac.1:11)