

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 1—With the Master Shepherding the Sheep—1 Timothy 1:1-2—The Beginning of a letter from a Father to a Son

1. (a) Read 1 Timothy and write down what you think the theme of the book is.
(b) If you were Timothy, what thoughts might you have as you read this epistle from your father in the faith, the apostle Paul?

2. Memorize 1 Timothy 1:1, 2.

3. (a) When did Paul first meet Timothy, according to Acts 16:1-3? (b) What do you learn about Timothy from this passage?

4. (a) What do you learn about Timothy from the following other passages: Acts 17:14, 15; Acts 18:5; Acts 19:22; Acts 20:4; Romans 16:21; 1 Corinthians 4:14-17; 1 Corinthians 16:10; 2 Corinthians 1:1, 19; Philippians 1:1; Philippians 2:19-22; Colossians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 3:2; 3:6; 2 Thessalonians 1:1; 1 Timothy 1:1-3, 18; 6:20; Philemon 1:1; Hebrews 13:23. (b) How would you describe Timothy after reading these verses?

5. (a) Paul calls Timothy a true son in the faith. Who would you consider your “daughters in the faith” and what have you learned from them? (b) Who would you consider your “mothers in the faith” and what have you gleaned from them?

6. Paul makes it clear in the introduction that Christ is our hope. Is Christ alone your hope? Have you made that commitment to follow His Lordship and to place your trust in Him alone? Are you relying on Him alone for your redemption? If He was all you had in this life, would He be enough?

7. What would you like to gain from this study? Please write down your desire in the form of a prayer request to share with your group. (I would encourage you to memorize this precious and rich epistle as it is written towards the end of Paul’s life and is written from the heart of a father to his son in the faith, Timothy.