

# 1 Timothy

## Introduction

We are about to embark on an extended, in-depth, we-all-talk-and-share straight up Bible Study of the New Testament. We are going to start in 1 Timothy and take the time it takes to go through verse by verse and subject by subject.

I will be supplying questions. I would like you to consider the questions, note down some answers on each, and bring your answers to the group. You will not share your answer sheet, but it will help remind you what you were considering when thinking about the question. You may get as deep or as shallow as you want to get.

We are starting in 1 Timothy because it is one of the “shotgun” epistles, where Paul is interested in covering a number of topics and boy is there a lot to mine.

Below are your questions. We have no idea how many of these verses we’ll get through, and I’m hoping very few of them, because discussion is key. We know full well we can talk about these a lot.

## Chapter 1

### Verse 2: God the Father and Christ

Has the idea of God’s Trinity been something you don’t think about much or are comfortable with, or do you think about it? What questions do you think over?

### Verse 3: Correcting Heresy

A common theme in the epistles is the correcting of heresy. How often do you put your beliefs to the test, and try to confirm them from the Bible, etc?

### Verses 5-7: Meaningless Controversy

Paul says that the goal of God’s command is love. He compares it to meaningless talk. What would you consider to be meaningless talk? (Paul does not define it here except for endless genealogies.)

### Verses 8-11: The Law

Go through this list of sinner examples. Think about each one. Do any give you a new thought, or confirm an uncertain thought?

## **Verse 12: Faith**

What according to this is the primary attribute of faith?

## **Verses 13-16: Paul Was Not Good**

Paul was awful. Paul also became one of the greatest apostles. What do you consider when you think about this fact, and how Paul lays it out? Are there people that you give up on?

## **Verse 17: Doxology**

Do you ever memorize these? Why are they so common?

## **Verses 18-20: Prophecies and Sticking to Your Faith**

Have you had prophecies laid over your life? Does the idea of someone prophesying over you make you nervous? Is Christianity a decision or a lifestyle?