

Book of the Bible: 1 and 2 Timothy

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Background:

1 and 2 Timothy are letters Paul sent to a young leader, Timothy. He joined Paul's team of evangelists on Paul's second missionary journey, and he became like a father to Timothy. Paul stresses truth to this young leader and the importance of God's word.

"Beliefs have very real consequences." Lee Strobel

THE PROBLEM: LIES

Truth is often lost and lies control much of existence.

Lies From Without:

"Alexander ...be on guard against him because he strongly opposed our message." 2 Timothy 3:13. Similar to other religions that twist the Christian message: Mormons, Jews, Muslims

"In latter times, some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons." 1 Timothy 4:1

Satan is the father of lies. Keeps us captive.

"...forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth. These teachers oppose the truth."

2 Timothy 3:7-8. - Similar to Jesus' seminar.

Lies From Within:

Some have departed...and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law but do not know what they are talking about." 1 Timothy 1:6-7 – Similar to liberal Christianity.

Paul is saying that the truth is Crucial!

"Christians are nourished on the truths of the faith."

1 Timothy 4:1

"Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do you will save both yourselves and your hearers."

1 Timothy 4:16

"Deacons must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith."

1 Timothy 3:8-9

Truth comes from Scripture and the Bible anchors the faith:

Christians are to *"correctly handle the word of truth."* Timothy 2:14

"Preach the word...with great patience and careful instruction."

2 Timothy 4:2

"The church of the living God. the pillar and foundation of the truth."

1 Timothy 3:15

"Devote yourselves to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and teaching."

1 Timothy 4:13

"How from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:15-17

Scripture exposes lies and declares both moral and doctrinal truth.