

## **1 Timothy chapter 2**

What does Paul ask people to do? For whose benefit? What does God want? What is the truth (spoken of in verse 4) [5-6]? What does Paul want men to do [8]?

What does Paul want women to do? Is Paul expressing his personal preference and offering advice to his young assistant, or is this the command of God for all women throughout history in every place and circumstance?

## **1 Timothy chapter 3**

Who is qualified to serve as a leader in the church? Are there any academic requirements? Must one make large financial contributions? Does it help to be politically well-connected? Do moral failures disqualify you?

According to verses 14-16, why did Paul write this letter to Timothy?

## **1 Timothy chapter 4**

What “demonic teachings” is Paul talking about in verse 1? In 3-5 he lists marriage and eating certain foods, are there other specific examples? What worldly fables or old wife's tales does Paul warn Timothy about?

Verse 12 reminds us that Paul is writing a personal letter to his young assistant; how much of his advice to the pastor of the First Church of Jesus Christ in Ephesus about how the church should operate applies to our personal lives?

If I have no ambition or desire to become a leader in the church am I free to ignore all these instructions? Summarize – in two or three words -- how we as ordinary, everyday Christians ought to live based on Paul's description of the qualifications of church leaders.

**Next week:** 2 Timothy chapters 1, 2, and 3