

<b>FIRST TIMOTHY</b>	<b>1:1 - 20</b>	Confront False Teaching in the Church
	<b>2:1 - 3:16</b>	Godly Leadership in the Church
	<b>4:1-16</b>	The Character of a Leader in the Church
	<b>5:1 - 6:21</b>	Practical Ministry in the Church

*I am writing these things to you so that . . .  
you may know how one ought to behave  
in the household of God,  
which is the church of the living God,  
a pillar and buttress of the truth. — 1 Timothy 3:14-15*



## 1 Timothy

Sunday, March 6, 2016

*Paul's first letter to his understudy Timothy reminds us what to look for in a local church, what's important in a church and what we strive for as a local church . . .*

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership

- \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders of \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-13, 4:6-16, 6:11-16)
- A \_\_\_\_\_ of Leaders (3:1-13, 5:17)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of New Leaders (3:1-13)

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching

- As a \_\_\_\_\_, the church is to hold God's Word \_\_\_\_\_ (3:15)
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- 1:3-20; 2:1-7; 3:16; 4:1-6, 16; 6:1-10, 17-19

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Commitment & Care

- A family who \_\_\_\_\_ to the living God (3:15)
- A family who \_\_\_\_\_ like the living God (1:5, 4:12, 6:11)
- A family who \_\_\_\_\_ like the living God for the salvation of others (2:2)



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### Connecting Together

In this 9th week of Winter Growth Groups, take time to care for and connect with one another. Let's "spiritually encourage" by reflecting upon and sharing what God has been doing in and through your group this quarter.

### Studying God's Word Together

1. How did you "come under" God's Word in the message this week? What made you think and what made you feel?
2. Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16 together. Why does Paul write this letter to Timothy and what do we know about him?
3. In those same verses, how does Paul describe the church? When you think of the church, do you think of it as Paul thinks of it? If not, how do you think of the church? How does what we THINK of the church impact how we EXPERIENCE the church?

4. Churches, communities, organizations and families all rise and fall based on their leadership. Read 1 Timothy 3:6-16 and 6:11-16. What in these verses challenges you to be a better, more Godly leader in our church, your family and the other organizations you are involved in?
5. There's a ton about teaching in 1 Timothy. Back in 3:15, what does Paul tell Timothy the church is to be, in relation to God's truth? What two images does he use to describe the church and what do those pictures mean? In verse 16, what does Paul describe as the center of the church's teaching?
6. Paul describes the church as the "household" or family of God in 3:15. When you think of a healthy family what comes to your mind? Do you think of the church as a family? What would change if you did? How can we improve the health of our church family?

**Household/Family Focus:** for discussion in your household

Take some time to discuss why Godly Leadership, Gospel-Centered Teaching, and Family Commitment & Care are important things to look for and strive for in a local church.

### Prayer

Spend time praying for one another and for the larger Grace Central Coast family. Begin to pray for the growth of our family through our Easter Outreach.