

TO MY DISCIPLE  
 – PRESERVE, PROTECT, PASS!  
 I TIMOTHY 6:20-21

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 – preserve, protect, pass!*



“Am I discipling others?”  
 我有培训他人做门徒吗?

- Point to the person of Christ  
 引人认识基督
- Partner to mutually live God’s truth  
 伴人一同活出神的真理
- Pray for each other’s spiritual growth  
 禱告彼此在属灵上增长

MY TRUE SON IN THE FAITH



## MY TRUE DAUGHTER IN THE FAITH



## MY TRUE SON IN THE FAITH

- Establish relationships to preserve, protect and pass the true faith of the gospel!

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## FALSE TEACHING IN CHURCH @ EPHEBUS



## CONTEXT OF I TIMOTHY

- False teaching in church @ Ephesus
  - Myths & Endless Genealogies (v.5)
  - Misuse of the Law (v.7)

## THAT'S NOT THE GOSPEL!

Reject false teaching - don't teach it, don't learn it!

- It promotes the wrong focus

The focus of the gospel is love, not empty argument

- It misuses God's law

The effect of the gospel is life-change, not legalism or antinomianism



## REAL GOSPEL, REAL BLESSING!

- The real gospel changes lives – praise God!
- The real gospel is worth fighting for – watch out!

## THEME OF I TIMOTHY

Preserve, Protect and Pass on  
the true faith of the gospel of Jesus Christ

- How we behave in the family of God matters!

## ORGANIZE THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

- I Tim. 3:14-15

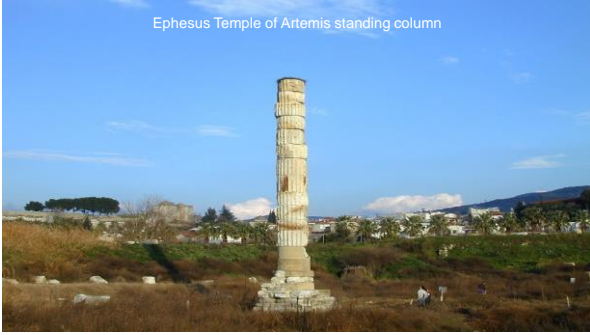
These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

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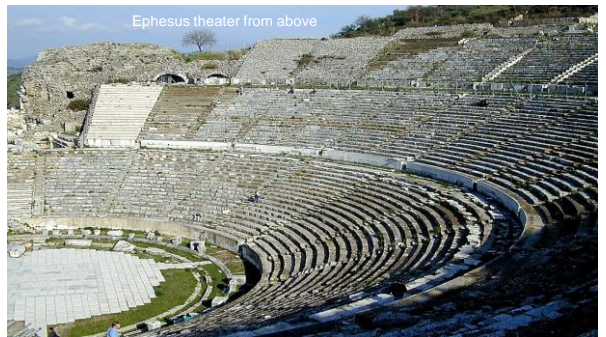
Ephesus Temple of Artemis standing column



THE GREAT THEATRE



Ephesus theater from above



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## PUBLIC PRAYERS FOR THE GOSPEL

### I. The Nature of Local Church Public Prayers

### II. The Focus of Local Church Public Prayers

- A. All men/people
- B. Kings and all who are in Authority

### III. The Goals for Local Church Public Prayers

- A. the Local Church's Perspective: Peaceable and Quiet Life
- B. God's Perspective: All Mankind to come to the knowledge of the Truth

## MEN - LIFT UP HOLY HANDS!

- The emphasis of the synecdoche  
Holiness in approaching God

## GODLY WOMEN

Godly women play an important role in the church

- Portray godliness externally by modesty and good works  
*Call attention to God, not self!*
- Portray godliness internally by submission to authority  
*Submit to God-given authority, not self!*

## WEALTHY WOMEN IN THE FIRST-CENTURY ROMAN WORLD AND CHURCH



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## I TIMOTHY 3: PASTORAL QUALITIES / APPOINT THE RIGHT DEACONS

- Desire high standards of character and conduct in the church family

## PASTORAL QUALITIES

Overseers exemplify high standards of character and conduct

- A. Cultivate Positive Qualities
- B. Avoid Negative Qualities – not controlled by flesh
- C. Caring Leadership in Private Life - @ Home
- D. Positive Example in Public Life – in Church & Community

## APPOINT THE RIGHT DEACONS

Deacons exemplify high standards of character and conduct

**A. Character - worthy of respect?**

1. NOT controlled by fleshly desires or habits
2. Preserves genuine faith by Christlike testimony
3. Tested for high standards of character

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**B. Leadership – worthy of following?**

- I. Caring leadership of wives and family
- II. Effective servant-leadership of ministry

## I TIMOTHY 4

Pursue true godliness found in Jesus Christ

- Don't buy into a false brand of godliness
  - ~ It's the devil's lie!
  - ~ It restricts God-given freedom!

## FALSE BRAND OF GODLINESS

- **Forbidding** to marry, and
- **Commanding to abstain** from meats

## I TIMOTHY 4:7

But *refuse* profane and old wives' fables, and  
*exercise (gymnazo - train) thyself* rather unto *godliness*

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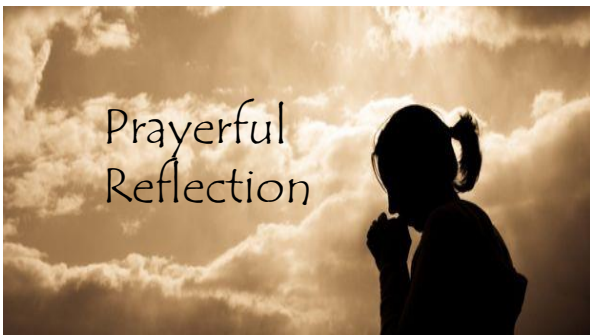
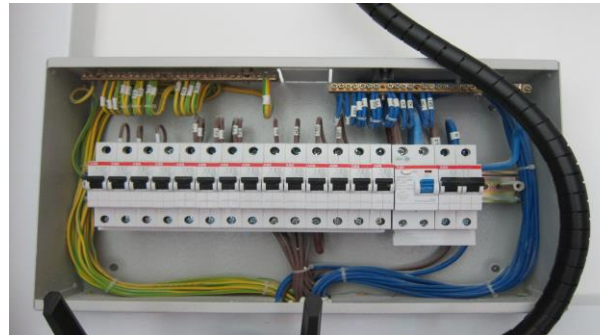
- Train ourselves to **apply** Biblical truth
- ~ It's beneficial for eternity & worthy of priority
- ~ It's motivated by hope in Jesus Christ

## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,  
 joy,  
 peace,  
 patience,  
 kindness,  
 goodness,  
 faithfulness,  
 gentleness,  
 and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23



## I TIMOTHY 4: 11-16

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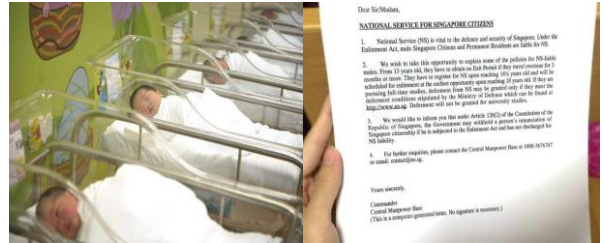
- Pay attention that your life matches true doctrine
  1. The exercise of absolutes
  2. The exercise of example
  3. The exercise of healthy eating
  4. The exercise of ministry
  5. The exercise of commitment

## BE AN EXAMPLE!

I TIMOTHY 4:12

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## CONGRATS ON YOUR BABY BOY...AND HERE'S A LETTER ON HIS NS DUTY: STRAITS TIMES 28 MAY 2017



## I TIM. 4:12: BE AN EXAMPLE

Let no man look down on your youth;  
**but be an example of the believers,**  
in word, in conduct,  
in love, in attitude,  
in faith, in purity.

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Exhibit gospel behaviour in our relationships

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## I TIMOTHY 5:1-2

Exhibit gospel behaviour in our relationships

- The Church should behave like family
  - Family communicates with respect
  - Family serves each other
  - Family shows appreciation
  - Family protects with absolute purity



### GENERATIONAL COMMUNICATION – WE CAN WORK IT THROUGH!

- Meet me, write me,
- Call me, email me,
- Text me, whatsapp me,
- FB, tweet, instagram, snap me.

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- Love makes the effort!

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### I TIM. 5:8

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

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## HARBOUR CITY



## I TIMOTHY 6:3-19

- Enjoy true prosperity of the real gospel
- A. Your perspective of true prosperity matters
  - B. Your battle against materialism matters**
  - C. Your actions towards riches matters

## HELP! THE HAZE IS HERE!



Prosperity Theology  
is NOT  
Christianity!

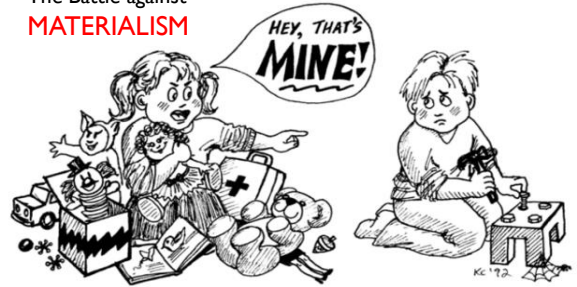
## I TIMOTHY 6:3-10

Enjoy true prosperity of the real gospel

A. Your perspective of true prosperity matters

1. Harmony in Truth = True Prosperity
2. Material Gain  $\neq$  True Prosperity
3. **Godliness + Contentment = True Prosperity**

The Battle against  
**MATERIALISM**



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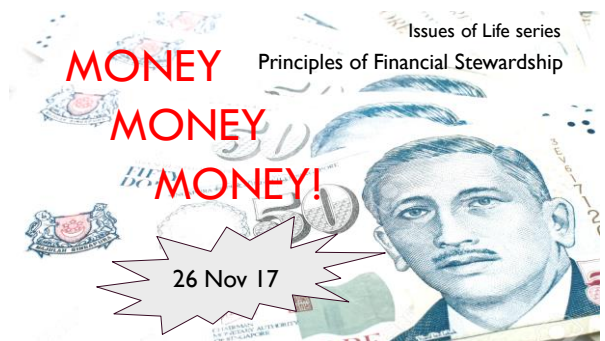
- A. Warning: Keep to rules of engagement!
- B. Witnesses: You are not alone!
- C. Worship: Our great God prevails!

## I TIMOTHY 6:17-19

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C. Your actions towards riches matters

1. Chasing riches = Falling into trap
2. Trusting riches  $\neq$  Trusting God
3. **Using riches well = True prosperity**



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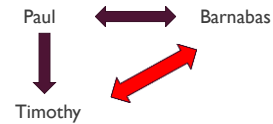
... And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

1. God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit,
2. seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles,
3. believed on in the world, received up into glory.

## IMPACT IS TO MANY

- I Tim. 6:21 (ESV)
- ... Grace be with you (plural). Amen.

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