

# What Things Did Paul Insist On Being Taught?

Paul, in one of his letter to Timothy instructed him this way: “These things command and teach.”<sup>1</sup> So, what did Paul consider were the essentials that an apostolic teacher like Timothy should impart to those he oversaw?

Was it Bible interpretation? NO.

Was it theology? No.

Was it church doctrine? No.

Was it to teach Bible studies? No.

Well, that rules out most of what is usually delivered in pulpit teaching. So, what was it that Timothy was to teach?

Paul begins by advising Timothy that the Spirit had unmistakably made it clear that, later on from that time, believers would give up their faith (“fall away”) and go back to living the way they did before being spiritually reborn. These people would be led astray because they had taken on-board, and accepted as fact, things that originated with deceiving spirits and ideas unwittingly dropped into the thoughts of people by demons. These ideas will also come from those who speak untruths (“lies”) because their consciences are seared and they are unable to hear truth straight from the Spirit.

Some examples of what they will propagate among believers would be the prohibition of marriage and the banning of eating certain foods. Both marriage and all foodstuffs were sanctioned by God and are acceptable to be undertaken by the saints. Notice that there was nothing about these people teaching others not to follow church doctrine or church practices, which is the main source of heresy today.

Paul told Timothy that if he speaks against just these 2 errors (negative marriage and food practices), he is considered to be “a good servant of Christ Jesus”<sup>2</sup>. That’s a very unusual statement to make considering what would be thought of such approval if it was attributed to a teacher of the *ekklesia* today.

Paul stated that Timothy is already being nourished with the spiritual food (“words of faith”) he’d received and also by the wholesome teaching (“sound doctrine”) he’d been taught. Timothy was advised to stay away from such things as “irreverent folklore and silly myths”<sup>3</sup> but to stick to what he’d been taught by Paul, which he was already doing. He was then instructed that spiritual exercise in developing ones self in godly attitudes and behaviour is more profitable than physical exercise because it maintains a person in ongoing abundant Kingdom life.

Finally Paul tells Timothy that what he’s just outlined is what he has to command and teach others. Wow. What a blow to those who lay heavy burdens on believers. No wonder we’ve lost nearly all our liberty and freedom that comes from being in the Kingdom under the New Covenant. Religion has done that.

So what did Paul teach Timothy? Very little of it’s in his letters to Timothy, those which Paul wrote to add to what he already knew he had to teach. So where is this knowledge? A fraction of it is in the epistles Paul wrote and are included in our English Bibles – most of his writings have been lost in antiquity. Be aware of that. Only a fraction of what Jesus taught him personally is in the NT.<sup>4</sup> Remember that Paul spent years in some cities teaching the new believers, instructing them in spiritual matters, in Kingdom living and how to be the *ekklesia*.

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1 – 1 Timothy 4:11 (NKJV)

2 – 1 Timothy 4:6 (AMP)

3 – 1 Timothy 4:6 (AMP)

4 – Galatians 1:11-17 (1 Corinthians 14:37;)

On one visit to Ephesus Paul's stay was for 3 years which he used to teach day and night.<sup>5</sup> Just think about how much a 3-year intensive course, of say 12 hours a day, would equate to if it was all written down? Let's see what that might be, very roughly of course.

A 5-minute recorded comment of mine, where I speak clearly and slowly so what I say is taken in, transcribes to 1 page of A4 typed text. That means Paul's teaching, if it was for 12 hours a day, over 7 days a week for 3 years, it would turn out to be:

12 x 5 minutes = 12 pages/hour  
= 12 x 12 pages per day → 144 pages/12-hour-days of speaking  
= 7 x 144 pages per week → 1008 pages/week  
= 52 x 1008 pages per year → 52,416 pages/year  
= 3 x 52,416 pages for 3 years → 157,248 pages over 3 years

That's equivalent to 786 books that are 200 pages long.

The epistles (including the letter by John which we call 'Revelation') in a larger-letter Bible take up about 170 pages, where each page is approximately equal to what I fit onto an A4 typed page. This roughly means that Paul's 3-year training course would produce 925 times more printed information than the New Covenant teaching contained in our English bibles. That's a lot of information we are missing, but it's only a very rough estimate.

We're 'behind the 8 ball' (🎱) in what we really need to know if we rely just on what's in the NT epistles which were written with inspiration from Holy Spirit at the start of the New Covenant period. There's so much more we need to know to operate properly as sons.

So, do we continue to live our spiritual lives under-instructed? No. All truth comes from the Truth himself via Holy Spirit. All we need to do is set up our spirit-to-Spirit communication system so it works efficiently and stay asking to be taught. I've been doing it for a number of years and the knowledge keeps being downloaded to me.

I'm not the only one doing this. Our King is opening the minds of an unknown number around the world also. Check out the audio or video of Mike Parson's revelatory knowledge from 2019 using the link below. It's FREE.

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One other instruction Paul gave to Timothy in this letter was: "Till I come, give thyself to reading, to exhortation, to teaching."<sup>6</sup> Many translators have read into this and applied their biblical worldview by writing it this way: "Until I get there, concentrate on reading Scripture in worship, giving encouraging messages, and teaching people"<sup>7</sup>. The insertion of "scripture" into the sentence is not in the Greek or inferred in context, so it can't be accepted as fact and used to justify doctrine. In the 1<sup>st</sup> century it was common in the Greek-influenced world to have public readings. This practice did occur in believer's gatherings as they read from epistles (correspondence) from the Apostles and other spiritual leaders. This was one source of their spiritual teaching.

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5 – Acts 20:31

6 – 1 Timothy 4:13 (Darby's transliteration)

7 – God's Word translation

