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SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM
FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

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LESSON SEQUENCE

SUMMER QUARTER

The **Lesson Sequence** gives the teacher an overview of the entire quarter. The central goal of the **Implementing God's Word...** curriculum is to equip youth to put the truths of Scripture together in their minds and to work in their hearts, by the help of the Holy Spirit.

LESSON ONE	I Timothy
LESSON TWO	II Timothy
LESSON THREE	Titus
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LESSON FIVE	Hebrews 1-8
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LESSON ONE --- I TIMOTHY

OVERVIEW

First Timothy is the first of three Pastoral Epistles, written by the apostle Paul to young ministers of the Word. Timothy was a spiritual son to Paul, and this letter is very fatherly in tone. It begins with a warning against false teachers espousing myths and false doctrines. Timothy is to stick to the gospel and sound doctrine! Jesus came to save sinners!

In Chapter Two, Paul teaches Timothy that one of his main tasks as pastor is praying for the saints and unbelievers. He goes on to discuss the authority of men in the church, and how men and women are to be godly in their worship. In Chapter Three, Paul outlines the qualifications for elders and deacons, teaching Timothy how vital these men are to the church. They are to be godly men who know how to lead well.

Paul continues to be very parental and pastoral in Chapter Four. Timothy is to set an example to the congregation, even in his youth. He is to love well and behave well. His spiritual growth will be much more important than even his physical health! Paul gets more specific with Timothy regarding pastoral relationships in the church. He instructs him how to handle older men and women, as well as young people. Widows are a special case that must be handled with great care. The chapter ends with a return to the role and responsibility of the elder, especially the teaching elder. The final chapter touches on the problem of false teachers as well as the need for godliness rather than greed! Paul ends with an exhortation to fight the good fight of faith!

TEACHING ENCOURAGEMENT

Do you think there are future pastors in your midst? How about elders or deacons? Or wives of pastors, elders, or deacons? I hope there are many future leaders of the church in your class. Pray that God will use the Pastoral Epistles to start moving on young hearts to pursue the work of the ministry. At the same time, call upon the students to grow in their understanding of the work of the pastor and the necessity of the church. So many people today have no clue about what the church of Jesus Christ is all about. Show them from God's Word today!

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

WELCOME

Psalms 121:1-4
2-3 mins.

DRILL TIME

I and II
Thessalonians
3-5 mins.

MIND-IN-TRAINING

Trained pastors
6-8 mins.

BIBLE IMPLEMENTATION

I Timothy
30 mins.

MIND-IN-ACTION

Pray and Learn
3-5 mins.



WELCOME

THE **WELCOME** SERVES AS BOTH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GREET YOUR STUDENTS AS WELL AS AN EFFORT TO HELP THEM GET FOCUSED.

EACH WEEK, YOU WILL BEGIN WITH A PASSAGE FROM PSALMS THAT WILL “CALL” THEM TO STUDY AND GROW IN WISDOM!

DRILL TIME GIVES YOUR YOUTH THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECALL AND REHEARSE WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN TAUGHT IN THE PAST. THESE WILL BE QUESTIONS FROM A PREVIOUS LESSON OR FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE SCRIPTURES.

Greet the students. Welcome visitors. Open with prayer.

Listen to God’s Word. Read Psalm 121:1-4.

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Let’s lift our eyes up to the LORD today!



DRILL TIME

Now, we will move on to DRILL TIME—our weekly opportunity to review what we have learned from God’s Word. Are you ready?

Today’s questions: *Who wrote I and II Thessalonians? For what did Paul praise the Thessalonian church? When will Christ return for His people? Who has to appear on the scene before Christ returns? What sort of people are the Thessalonians to stay away from?*

Call on students to answer.

Answers:

1. Paul.
2. For their faith in Christ and their love for one another, as a witness to the world.
3. We don’t know. As a thief in the night.
4. The man of lawlessness (the anti-christ).
5. People who are idle.

The Christians at Thessalonica were suffering for their faith in Christ. They needed to patiently endure, as they wait for the return of Christ. So Paul encouraged them to stand firm and keep hard at work for the Kingdom of God! This is a call for us today too!



MIND-IN-TRAINING

Say: Each week, we will train our minds to think the way God wants us to think. Specifically, we need to learn how to THINK through God's Word as we study it.

As we continue our survey of the New Testament, we come to what are known collectively as Paul's "Pastoral Epistles." These are the books of I and II Timothy, and Titus. Why do you think they are called "Pastoral Epistles?" **Allow answers.** Timothy and Titus were two young pastors who were mentored by the apostle Paul! These are the only letters in the New Testament written to individual pastors who were engaged in pastoral ministry. So that explains the name!

So, among other issues, Paul will be addressing their roles as pastors and their ministry in the church. He was giving them ongoing education and counsel as young pastors and leaders in the church. Why do you think this was a great need in the early church? **Allow answers.**

What I also want you to think about today is the importance of trained, Godly pastors in our midst. How are pastors trained to be pastors today? **Allow answers.** Yes, they typically get a seminary education, but then they need to be mentored by older pastors. Why should older pastors be training our younger pastors? **Allow answers.** The wisdom of older generations needs to be passed down to the younger generation.

Now a bigger question for you to think deeply about: Why is it important to you personally to have a trained, Godly pastor? **Allow answers.** Let's think about it from the other side: What would it be like to be pastored by a man who did not preach the truth or was not walking in godliness? **Allow answers.** Would you even be aware that he wasn't teaching you the truth?

Keep this in mind as we begin our survey of the Pastoral Epistles today. Watch for the issues Paul addresses with these two young pastors!

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THIS ELEMENT TEACHES A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE MIND, USEFUL TOOLS TO ENGAGE YOUNG MINDS, AND HELP IN INTERPRETING GOD'S WORD.



BIBLE IMPLEMENTATION

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TIME IS THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE WEEK'S LESSON. IT TAKES THE STUDENT ALL THROUGH GOD'S WORD, SYSTEMATICALLY TYING IT TOGETHER TO BUILD A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW.

ALL SCRIPTURE TEXT INCLUDED IN THE CURRICULUM IS FROM THE ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV).

THE BIBLE READING IS TAKEN IN SHORT SECTIONS, SEPARATED BY TIMES OF DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS, AND APPLICATION POINTS.

THIS FORMAT ALLOWS AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO STOP, THINK ABOUT AND DISCUSS WHAT IS BEING READ.

Introduction: *Paul calls Timothy his "true child in the faith" as he opens this letter. We all need spiritual fathers and mothers in our lives to show us the way to Christ!*

*Let's pick up in verse 3. **Read I Timothy 1:3-7.***

³ As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, ⁴ nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. ⁵ The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

Discussion: *As a young pastor, Timothy needed to take a stand against false teachers in his church. What were they teaching? **Allow answers.** This was also a reminder to Timothy to continue teaching the pure truth of the Word of God.*

*Look at the end of the chapter. **Read verses 18-20.***

¹⁸ This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹ holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, ²⁰ among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Discussion: *Do you hear the contrast? Young Timothy was fighting the good fight of the faith, while Hymenaeus and Alexander had shipwrecked their faith. Paul was exhorting Timothy as a pastor, while handing false teachers off to Satan!*

*Now, the next chapter. **Read I Timothy 2:1-7.***

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave



himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Discussion: *According to Paul the pastor, what is Timothy's first responsibility? [To pray!] Pastors lead God's people by praying for them--and for the unsaved as well. All Christians are to pray for people to come to know Christ!*

Summary: *In the rest of this chapter, Paul speaks to the need for Godly men to lead in the church. And, he addresses the need for Godly women as well! There are some difficult verses in here, but Paul is focused on the authority of men in the church.*

Let's go to Chapter Three. **Read I Timothy 3:1-7.**

¹ The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷ Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Discussion: *The next subject Paul addresses with Timothy is the requirements for elders in the church. A pastor always needs to be surrounded with Godly elders. Which qualification for elder jumps out at you? **Allow discussion.** These qualities should mark all the leaders of the church.*

Summary: *In the next few verses, Paul deals with the other church office—that of deacon. As you scan over the list of character qualities for a deacon, what stands out to you? **Allow answers.** Deacons must be Godly men too!*

Let's move to the next chapter. **Read I Timothy 4:6-16.**

⁶ If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with irreverent,

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silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. ¹¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶ Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Discussion: *These are great instructions for all Christians, but very specifically for pastors. What are some of the essential tasks of the pastor?* **Allow answers.** *As a young pastor, Timothy would be respected because of his faithfulness to God's Word!*

Look at the next chapter. Read I Timothy 5:1-6.

¹ Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. ³ Honor widows who are truly widows. ⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. ⁵ She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, ⁶ but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

Discussion: *Now Paul addresses the important pastoral relationships in the church. Timothy has responsibilities to minister to all age groups, both men and women. A pastor is to encourage his flock and care for the needy.*

Summary: *Much of the rest of the chapter has instructions about widows. Paul trains Timothy to encourage younger widows to remarry and older widows to minister in the church. True widows, with no family left, are to be cared for by the church.*



Go to verse 17. **Read verses 17-21.**

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." ¹⁹ Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁰ As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. ²¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.

Discussion: *Paul returns to the subject of "the elder" and how important elders are to the church. Those who preach and teach (pastors) are worthy of pay and care from the congregation. As church members, we are called to respect our elders!*

Let's look briefly at the last chapter. **Read I Timothy 6:3-10.**

³ If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, ⁴ he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, ⁵ and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. ⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Discussion: *We will see more of Paul's concerns about false teachers in II Timothy. What motivates these false teachers? [The love of money.] The love of money causes all sorts of problems! Money and greed should not be motivating us, or our pastors!*

Let's finish this letter. **Read verses 11-12, 20-21.**

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight





of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ²⁰ O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," ²¹ for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.

Conclusion: *These are great words for every young pastor today. But they are for you and me too. The Christian life is a fight of faith. We are to guard to Word of God with our very lives! We are called to eternal life in Christ Jesus! And, we are to watch for false teachers all around us!*



MIND-IN-ACTION

Each week, we will end our time together with a MIND-IN-ACTION section. Often times, our minds are "Missing in Action!"

So, here's my challenge to you as we close today:

Pray for your pastor(s).

I know you want your pastors to pray for you! But do you pray regularly for them? They are in great need of your prayers. Satan works hard to destroy pastors, since they are charged with preaching the Word of God. Pastors need God's strength to lead the flock, so you can pray for that too. And, they need protection from the enemy every week. Pray for your pastors!

And the second part of my challenge is this:

Learn from your pastor(s).

Your pastor is charged with teaching you the gospel of grace. They are to expound God's Word to your soul. Are you listening to him? Are you learning? He is God's servant, given to you for your good. So learn all you can, as the Spirit works through him and the Word. We all need to hear the Word preached and taught so we can grow in grace!

Close in prayer.

THE **MIND-IN-ACTION** SECTION IS DESIGNED TO MOVE YOUR STUDENTS TO ACTION. AS THEIR MINDS GROW IN KNOWLEDGE, THEY ARE CHALLENGED TO GROW IN WISDOM. THEY WILL NEVER TRULY LEARN IF THEY DON'T PUT WHAT THEY HAVE STUDIED INTO PASSIONATE ACTION!