

PEN PALS: Reading God's Mail

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Timothy (part 1)



The end of Paul's ministry:

58-60AD Paul in custody in Rome (Acts 28)

62-67AD Paul's 4th journey

Leaving Titus on Crete and Timothy in Ephesus

Paul writes the Pastoral Epistles

Paul journeys perhaps as far as Spain

68 AD Paul (and Peter) martyred in Rome

Timothy

Acts 16:1-5 / II Timothy 1:5 / Hebrews 13:23

I Timothy 1:8 The law is good if one uses it properly

1:9-10 The law is made for...

(see also 1:15 – note the tense of the verb)

2:1-4 Prayers for leaders

Who was the leader of the Roman government at the time?

Why should we pray for our leaders? (v2,4)

Are we supposed to follow this directive today?

(even though our leaders are elected?)

2:9-15 Women in the church

Much has been made over these verses

In practice:

We encourage all men and women to be active

In the Church

In the Christian life – sharing the Gospel

We reserve the role of Public Ministry for men

3:1-13 Overseers and Deacons

Compare Titus 1:6-9 and I Timothy 3:2-12

Why aren't the lists identical?

What is the difference between an overseer (ἐπίσκοπον)

And a deacon (διάκονον)

Romans 16:1

4:1-16 Godly living and teaching

4:1-3 "The Spirit says in later times..."

4:4-5 *Everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is made holy by the word of God and prayer*

4:8 *... godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*

4:12 *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

5:1-16 Godly Relationships

5:1-2 *Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.*

5:8 *Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

5:17-25 Providing for Church workers

For Scripture says,

"Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," (Deuteronomy 25:4)

and *"The worker deserves his wages."* (Luke 10:7) **New Testament "Scriptures"!!?**