

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: May 10, 2020
1 Timothy 1:18-2:15

1. Is the command that Paul is giving Timothy in this letter a new command, according to 1:18?
 - a. Uh...I'm going to say "yes."
 - b. Well, in 1:3, he said he was urging him as he had already urged him when he left.
 - c. Paul says in 1:18 that this command is in keeping with the prophecies once made about him. What Paul is telling Timothy to do matches up with the call Timothy had already received.

2. What does Paul expect the impact of remembering the prophecies once made about Timothy to be?
 - a. He will give up easily.
 - b. He will fight the battle well.
 - c. He will continue to trust God no matter how difficult it gets.
 - d. He will continue to do what he knows is right regardless of temptation.
 - e. He will not reject the faith and a good conscience as some have already done.

3. Does everybody who is called to ministry fulfill the call and continue in the faith, or do some reject it as these did? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____
What about the call of the Christian? _____

4. In light of the caution in 1:20, what does Paul say that people everywhere should do, in 2:1-7?
 - a. Pray.
 - b. Pray for people.
 - c. Pray specifically for leaders.
 - d. Pray to God through the mediator Jesus Christ that His will would be done through us.
 - e. Pray that the Gospel would be spread by those who are called and they would not give up and that nobody would stand in the way of the presentation of the Gospel

5. Why does Paul use the word "therefore" in 2:8?
 - a. It is just an extra word that keeps the passage flowing.
 - b. Because Paul believes that the things he asks in the verses following would contribute to accomplishing the mission that he describes before it.

6. Why is it that only women should dress modestly?
 - a. Don't we all know that Paul was a misogynist?
 - b. I don't know, but I think that we should just throw some of these passages out.
 - c. Paul was a pastor who was writing a letter to a specific younger pastor in a specific church. He was probably addressing the things that caused this particular church to struggle lifting up holy hands to God.
 - d. Well, first, he doesn't just address women. He tells the men to worship God and stop with their anger and disputing. Then, he tells the women to stop paying so much attention to their looks. Modesty is not just about covering up. It is also about not showing off. These women seem to have gotten their priorities confused.

7. Even if we don't apply these verses about women being silent in church by the letter, what might God want us to apply to our lives and church without throwing the whole passage out? _____

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