

1 Timothy

CHAPTER 3:14-16

Lesson 6

Paul began this section of 1 Timothy explaining that his reason for writing to Timothy was regarding *how he ought to conduct himself in the house of God*. Paul closed 1 Timothy 3 with an absolutely awesome description of the One whom church should be all about. Enjoy the reminder.

Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns that refer to *Jesus, God (the Father), Paul, and Timothy*.
Key Words: *Jesus, God (the Father), Spirit, Paul, Timothy*
3. The contrasting term, *but*, is used in verse 15. Mark the word. Record what is being contrasted.

Read 1 Timothy 3:14

1. This section of 1 Timothy begins with the words, *These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly*. How does Paul writing these things, before being able to speak them to Timothy, suggest their importance?

- a. Sometimes, the ideal situation of speaking to someone is not possible. What can we learn from Paul's choosing the venue available?
2. Read 2 John 1:12. What are some of the joys of meeting with someone *face to face*?
3. How can we apply this verse in view of the prominence of social media today?

Read 1 Timothy 3:15

1. According to verse 15, what was Paul's purpose in writing?
2. In the previous verses, Paul recounted the important attributes of not only the church life, but the personal life of those who desired to lead. Why should there be no difference in our church life and personal life?
 - a. These last verses of 1 Timothy 3 are directed toward the importance of conduct during church services. Jesus had this same zeal. Record the words of Jesus from Matthew 21:13 after He saw the money changers in the temple.

3. Paul was conscious that his days were few on this earth. He was intent on passing on his ministry to Timothy successfully. We find instructions from King David to his son Solomon in 1 Kings 2:2-4. List what you view to be the important points of David's instructions.

4. If you were to express what you expect to find during a church service, what would you say?

5. We rightly view the church building as a building where the church (believers in Jesus) meet. In addition to referring to it as the *house of God*, what other two titles did Paul give it?
 - a. Consider the words of 2 Corinthians 6:16. Paul stated that believers are the *temple of the living God*. Paul stated in 1 Timothy 3:15 that the place where believers meet is the *church of the living God*. What is the connection?
 - 1.) How does understanding that the church building is the *church of the living God* cause you to view it?

 - b. Ponder the words *pillar* and *ground*. How do these words describe the church as it relates to *truth*?

- 1.) David was a man who understood the value of God's *truth*. Summarize what David said about *truth* in the following psalms:

Psalms 15:1,2

Psalms 25:5

Psalms 25:10

Psalms 40:10

Psalms 86:11

Psalms 119:151

- 2.) What did Jesus declare about *truth* in John 14:6?

6. Pilate asked the question in John 18:38, *What is truth?* What is the church's responsibility to answer that question?

7. What are some examples of things that can happen in church that distract from the message of *truth*?

Read 1 Timothy 3:16

1. Paul closed this chapter with a glorious declaration about Jesus. These statements are a *mystery*. A Biblical mystery is something that was previously unknown but has now been revealed. Under each declaration, record the verses that support it.

God was manifested in the flesh

John 1:1

John 1:14

Justified in the Spirit

Matthew 3:16

Romans 1:4

Seen by angels

Matthew 28:2

Mark 1:13

Luke 22:41-43

Preached among the Gentiles

Acts 10:34

Galatians 2:8

Believed on in the world

Romans 16:26

Colossians 1:6

Received up in glory

Luke 24:51

Hebrews 1:3

2. Paul began verse 16 stating that these declarations are about *God*. How can we know this is referring to Jesus?
3. Notice, Paul declared that these statements are *without controversy*. These statements are, in fact, very controversial. But this should not be so amongst believers. Why are these statements crucial for us to believe?
 - a. Chose one statement and explain the affect of not believing it.

Review 1 Timothy 3:14-16

1. How did the study of verses 14,15 speak to you about *conduct in the house of God*?
2. Record your impression as you basked in the verses declaring the wonder of Jesus and Jesus alone.

*"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son,
and they shall call His name Immanuel,"
which is translated, "God with us."
- Matthew 1:23*

Observation Worksheet

1 Timothy 3:14-16

These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; ¹⁵ but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. ¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.