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 σαρκί, ἐδικαιώθη ἐν πνεύματι,  
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 ἔθνεσιν, ἐπιστεύθη ἐν κόσμῳ,  
 ἀνελήθη ἐν δόξῃ.

# 1 TIMOTHY INTRODUCTION AND THEME

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## PAUL'S CONCERN AND REASON FOR WRITING

**1 TIMOTHY**

<p><b>STOP FALSE TEACHING</b></p> <p>CHARGE SOME NOT TO TEACH STRANGE DOCTRINES</p> <p>1 Timothy 1: 3-4</p> <p>1 Timothy 1:18</p> <p><b>WAGE THE GOOD WARFARE</b></p>	<p><b>TEACH PROPER CONDUCT</b></p> <p>TEACH HOW WE SHOULD BEHAVE IN GOD'S HOUSEHOLD</p> <p>1 Timothy 3: 14-16</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH IS THE PILLAR AND BUTTRESS OF TRUTH</b></p>
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A WARFARE OF IDEOLOGIES

“<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For **the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh** but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

WAGE THE GOOD WARFARE

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STOP FALSE TEACHING

TEACH PROPER CONDUCT

CHARGE... TEACH

TEACH... SHOULD BEHAVE

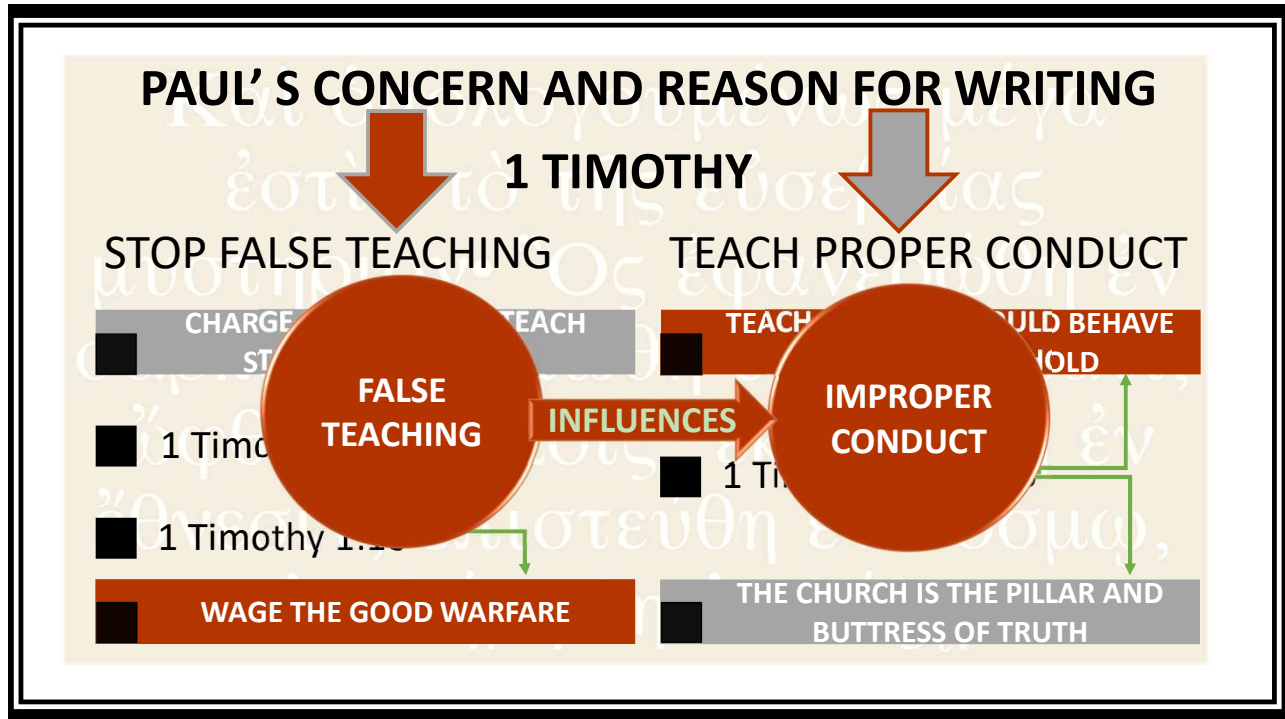
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### UNHEALTHY EATING LEADS TO BAD OUTCOMES

ECG showing: **HEART ATTACK**  
(This is called a **STEMI** or ST Elevation MI of the INFERIOR WALL OF THE HEART.)

**AN UNHEALTHY SPIRITUAL DIET (FALSE DOCTRINES) LEADS TO SPIRITUAL DISEASE**

# HEALTHY DIET MAY REVERSE HEART DISEASE

A HEALTHY SPIRITUAL DIET (GOOD DOCTRINES) LIKELY REVERSES BAD SPIRITUAL OUTCOMES



**BEFORE** **AFTER**

PLAQUE in ARTERY causing NARROWING **A**

PLAQUE has RESOLVED **B**

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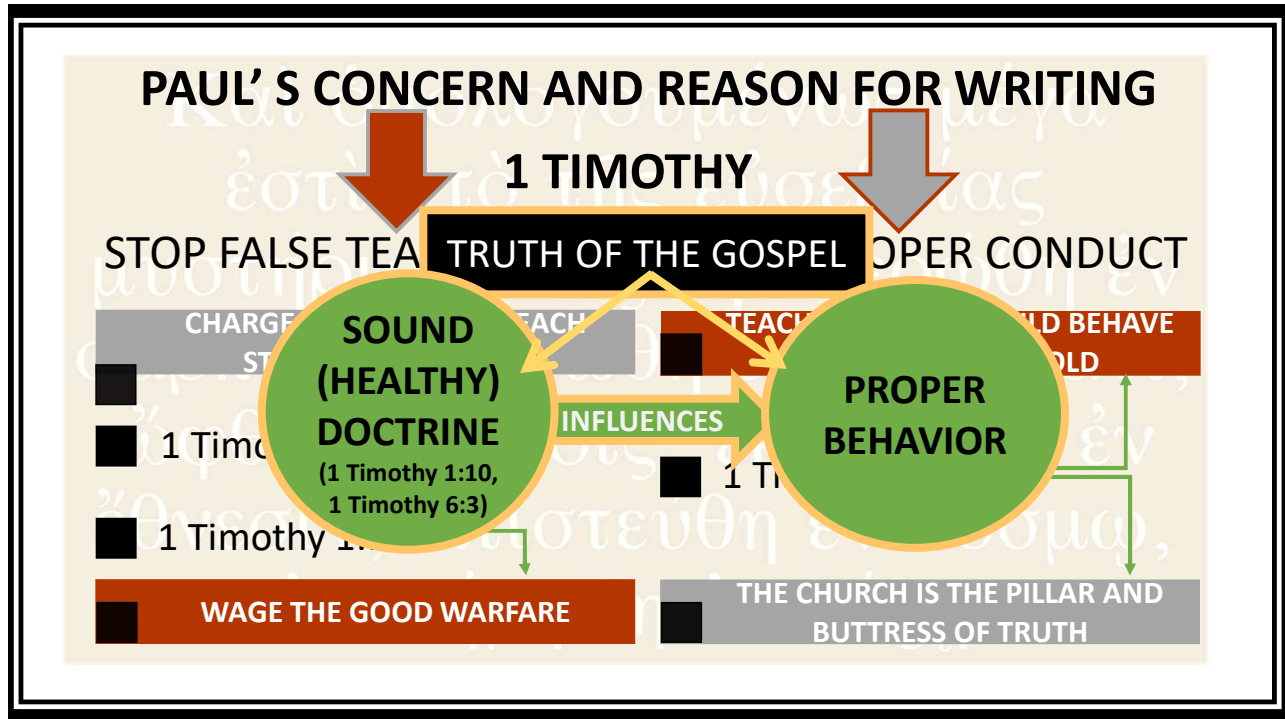
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**SOUND (HEALTHY) DOCTRINE**      **PROPER BEHAVIOR**

(1 Timothy 1:10, 1 Timothy 6:3)

INFLUENCES

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<sup>8</sup> For there is a great gain in godliness, which is profitable to all people, especially to those who have faith in God. We strive for godliness, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

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**GOOD DOCTRINE LEADS TO NOURISHMENT**

**NOURISHED**



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**“IRREVERENT,  
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**BAD DOCTRINE  
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**BODILY TRAINING  
IS GOOD, BUT  
TEMPORAL**

<sup>8</sup> 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.

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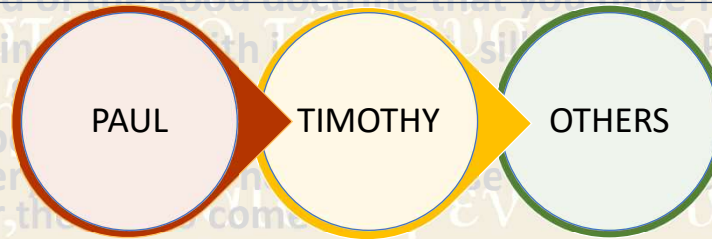
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**GODLINESS, ON  
THE OTHER HAND,  
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FOR TIME & FOR  
ETERNITY**

## PROGRESSIVE TEACHING



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**PRESCRIBE**

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## 1 Timothy Theme Statement:

*The Faithfulness of Christ's Church to the Truth (Gospel) in Belief and Behavior that accords with Godliness.*

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- **PURPOSE OF LETTER:** Instructions on *How to behave* or conduct oneself in the household of God (**3: 15**)
- The **Household of God** (see also household references **3:4, 5, 12, 15; 5:4, 8, 14**) = **FAMILY => RELATIONSHIP**
- The Church of the Living God => **GATHERING => WORSHIP**
- A Pillar and Buttress of Truth => **GUARD & PROCLAIM => WITNESS**

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“**PILLAR**” MEANS  
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## THE CONTEXT OF ACTS 19:23-41

**A POLEMIC AGAINST "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" (Acts 19:28, 34)**

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vindicated by the Spirit,  
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**MYSTERY** = A REVELATION THAT WAS FORMERLY NOT KNOWN, BUT IS NOW READILY KNOWN AND IS PART OF THE REDEMPTIVE PLAN OF GOD.

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**MYSTERY OF GODLINESS** : "The saving revelation which lies behind, and finds expression in, Christian faith and life." —J.N.D Kelly

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**GODLINESS** : The entirety of Christian faith and life that derives from and is a product of the mystery which is God's revelation of and in Christ.

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**GODLINESS ↔ RELATIONSHIP**  
**RELIGION ↔ RITUALS**

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**E.W. Bullinger** : "*Eusebeia* relates to real,  
true vital, and spiritual relation with God,  
while *threskeia* relates to the outward  
acts of religious observances or  
ceremonies, which can be performed by  
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**IS IT CHRONOLOGICAL  
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**WHAT DO YOU THINK  
ABOUT THE CHRIST?  
WHOSE SON IS HE?**

**Matthew 22:42**

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→ INCARNATION/ LIFE ON EARTH

→ RESURRECTION

→ ASCENSION?

→ PENTECOST AND AFTERWARDS

→ RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

→ ASCENSION or EXALTATION?

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### VARIOUS SCHEMATICS:

1. ONE STANZA WITH 6 MORE OR LESS CHRONOLOGICAL LINES
2. TWO STANZAS WITH 3 LINES PER STANZA
3. THREE STANZAS WITH COUPLETS EACH

**THEME:** The Faithfulness of Christ's Church to the Truth (Gospel) in Belief and Behavior that accords with Godliness.

**THE CHURCH'S UPHOLDING AND PROCLAMMATION OF TRUTH IS NOT MERELY IN BELIEFS AND CONFESSIONAL STATEMENTS, BUT IN BEHAVIORS AND CONDUCT AS WELL**

The **MYSTERY** That Leads To Our Godliness Is So Great, That We Cannot, Must Not, Subvert The Truth of The Gospel To Endorse Our Own Agendas.

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