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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-11

Part 1

- ☐ Paul wrote this letter to Timothy. [1:1, 2]
- ☐ Paul told Timothy to stay in Ephesus so he could command certain people not to teach wrong or worthless things. [1:3-7]
- ☐ Paul explained why the law was given. [1:8-10]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul call Timothy? [1:2]
He called Timothy “a true son in the faith.”
2. What did Paul urge Timothy to do? [1:3-4]
Paul urged Timothy to remain in Ephesus and command certain people not to teach a different doctrine or pay attention to stories and endless genealogies.
3. Why did Paul say they should not pay attention to stories and endless genealogies? [1:4]
Paying attention to them was causing people to argue.
4. What was the goal of the commandment that Paul instructed Timothy to give those people? [1:5]
The goal was to love from a pure heart, have a good conscience, and a sincere faith. (If those people obeyed the command, they would love one another from a pure heart, they would have a good conscience, and they would have a sincere faith.)
5. What did Paul say about people who strayed from those things? [1:6-7]
They had turned to worthless talk, and they wanted to be teachers of the law even though they did not understand it.
6. Who was the law set in place for? [1:9-10]
For lawless and rebellious people, ungodly people and sinners, those who were unholy and profane, those who killed their fathers and mothers, murderers, sexually immoral people, those who practiced homosexuality, those who kidnapped people for slaves, liars, false witnesses and whatever else was opposed to truthful teaching. The Law was not set in place for the righteous.
7. What do you think it means that the law was set in place for these people?
It may mean that God gave his law so these wicked people would know what they were doing was wrong and also to warn them of God’s judgment if they did not stop.
8. What did Paul say about the “glorious gospel”? [1:11]
Paul said that all of his instructions were according to the glorious gospel.

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9. How did Paul receive the gospel? [1:11]
It was entrusted to him. (God entrusted it to him.)

Comment Section:

1:12-20

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul thanked Jesus for strengthening him and choosing him for service. [1:12]
- ☐ Paul said he was one of the worst sinners, but Jesus showed him grace and mercy. [1:13-15]
- ☐ Jesus did this so he could demonstrate his patience to those who might believe in him. [1:16]
- ☐ Paul said he was giving this command so that Timothy would hold to his faith. [1:18-19]
- ☐ Paul mentioned some people who rejected this command and ruined their faith, so Paul gave them over to Satan. [1:19-20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What two reasons did Paul give for why he thanked Jesus? [1:12]
He thanked Jesus because Jesus strengthened him and appointed him to service.
2. How did Paul describe himself before he became a Christian? [1:13]
He said he was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man.
3. For what reason was Paul given mercy? [1:16]
He was given mercy so that Jesus might demonstrate how great his patience was to those who would believe in him.
4. How did Paul describe God in 1:17?
God is the king of the ages, the immortal, invisible, the only God.
5. Paul said in 1:18 that he was giving a command to Timothy. Why was Paul giving this command to him? [1:18, 19]
Paul was giving Timothy this command so that Timothy would continue to “fight the good fight, holding faith and a good conscience.”
6. What do you think it meant, in general, to “fight the good fight”? What do you think Paul was talking about? [1:18-19]
Perhaps it meant to do something very difficult. Perhaps Paul was talking about correcting people who were teaching things that were not true.
7. What did Paul say happened to some who rejected this? [1:19]
Some people shipwrecked their faith.
8. What do you think it meant for a person to shipwreck their faith? [1:19]
Perhaps it meant they stopped believing what was true and started doing things that did not please God.
9. Paul said Hymenaeus and Alexander were two people who shipwrecked their faith. What did Paul do to them? [1:20]
Paul delivered them over to Satan so that they would learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:12-20 continued

10. What do you think “delivered over to Satan” meant? [1:20]

Perhaps it meant that Paul made them leave the church or body of believers so that Satan could then harm them.

Comment Section:

2:1-15

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul urged Timothy to teach people to pray for all people, including kings and leaders. God wants all people to be saved and to know the truth. [2:1-4, 8]
- ☐ There is one God, and Jesus is the only mediator, who gave himself as a ransom. [2:5-6]
- ☐ Paul was appointed to teach this truth to the Gentiles. [2:7]
- ☐ Paul taught that women should dress modestly and learn submissively. [2:9-14]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul want people to do? [2:1-2]
He wanted people to make humble requests, prayers, petitions and thanksgiving for all people including kings and all in authority.
2. Why should Christians pray for kings and all in authority? [2:2]
Christians should pray for them so that Christians may live a peaceful and quiet life in godliness and dignity.
3. Who does God desire to be saved?
All people [2:3]
4. What did Paul say about God and Jesus in 2:5?
There is one God and Jesus is the mediator between God and man.
5. How did Paul say Christian women should dress? [2:9]
Christian women should wear proper, modest clothing, not with braided hair, gold, pearls, or expensive clothing.
6. What did Paul say about how a woman should learn? [2:11-12]
Paul said a woman should learn in silence with all submission. He did not permit a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man.
7. What reasons did Paul give for not permitting women to have authority over men in 2:13-14?
Adam was formed first, not Eve, and Eve was deceived and sinned against God.
8. What hope did Paul give for the woman? [2:15]
She will be saved through bearing children.

Comment Section:

3:1-16

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul listed the qualifications for the overseer and deacons in the church. [3:1-12]
- ☐ Those who served well acquired a good standing and great confidence in the faith that was in Christ Jesus. [3:13]
- ☐ Paul hoped to see them soon, but he was writing so they would know how to live within the church of the living God. [1:15]
- ☐ Paul made statements regarding Jesus about which all Christians agree [3:16]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What were the qualifications needed for someone to be an overseer of the Church? [3:2-7]

Overseers needed to:

- have a good reputation
- be a husband of one wife
- be moderate, sensible, orderly, hospitable
- be able to teach
- not be addicted to wine
- not be a brawler, but be gentle and peaceful
- not be a lover of money
- manage his own household well
- make his children obey and respect him in every way
- not be a new convert

2. What were the qualifications for someone to be a deacon of the church? [3:8-13]

- Deacons needed to:
- be dignified
- not be double-talkers
- not drink too much wine
- not be greedy
- be husbands of one wife
- manage their children and household well

3. What did Paul say about deacons' wives? [3:11]

Deacons' wives must be dignified. They must not be slanderers, and they must be sober and faithful in all things.

4. What did those who serve well as overseers and deacons acquire? [3:13]

They acquired a good standing and great confidence in the faith that was in Christ Jesus.

5. Why was Paul writing to Timothy? [3:15]

He wanted Timothy to know how to behave in the church.

1 Timothy 3:1-16 continued

6. How did Paul describe the church in 3:15?

It was the household of God, the church of the living God, and the pillar and support of the truth.

7. What do you think it meant that the church was “the pillar and support of the truth”? [3:15]

Just like pillars and supports make a building stable and strong, believers do something similar for the truth by believing, teaching, and defending it.

8. Who do you think Paul was talking about in 3:16? How do you know?

It probably refers specifically to Jesus, since what Paul said about him in 3:16 fits with what we know about Jesus Christ from other parts of the Bible.

Comment Section:

4:1-16

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ In later times some people will stop believing what is true and start listening to false teachings. [4:1-2]
- ☐ These people will forbid people from doing things that God said were good. [4:3-4]
- ☐ Paul reminded Timothy that good teaching helped him, and he encouraged Timothy to train himself to be godly. [4:6-10]
- ☐ Timothy should use the gift given to him by continuing to instruct people with good teachings. [4:11-16]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the Spirit say would happen in later times? [4:1-2]
The Spirit said some people would stop believing the true faith and start listening to false teachings that came from demons and were spoken by liars.
2. What kinds of things will these false teachers do? [4:3]
They will forbid people from marrying and from eating certain foods.
3. Why was it wrong to forbid people from marrying and from eating certain foods? [4:3-4]
It was wrong because God created these things, everything God created was good, and people should receive them with thanksgiving.
4. How was everything that was received with thanksgiving sanctified? [4:4-5]
Everything that was received with thanksgiving was sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
5. What did Paul want Timothy to tell the brothers? [4:6]
He wanted Timothy to tell them “these things.” “These things” referred to Paul’s message to Timothy in verses 1-5.
6. What did Paul say was nourishing Timothy? [4:6]
Timothy was being nourished by the words of faith and by the good teaching that he followed.
7. In what did Paul say Timothy should train himself? [4:7]
Paul told Timothy to train himself in godliness.
8. Why was training in godliness more useful than bodily training? [4:8]
Training in godliness “holds promise” for this life and the life to come.
9. Why did Paul and others work so hard? [4:10]
They worked so hard because they had put their hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people.

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10. In what way was Timothy to be an example to others? [4:12]

Timothy was to be an example in speech, conduct, love, faithfulness, and purity.

11. To what did Paul want Timothy to devote himself? [4:13]

He wanted Timothy to devote himself to reading the scripture publicly, preaching, and teaching.

12. How did Timothy receive the spiritual gift that he had? [4:14]

The gift was given to Timothy through prophecy with the laying on of hands of the elders.

13. Who did Paul say would be saved if Timothy remained faithful in his life and teaching? [4:16]

Timothy would save himself and those who listened to him.

Comment Section:

5:1-16

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul gave Timothy instructions on how to exhort others. [5:1-2]
- ☐ Paul gave Timothy instructions about widows. [5:3-16]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Paul tell Timothy to exhort an older man and a younger man in the church? [5:1]
Paul told Timothy to exhort an older man as if he were a father and a younger man as if he were a brother.
2. How did Paul tell Timothy to treat an older woman and a younger woman? [5:2]
Paul told Timothy to treat an older woman as if she were a mother and a younger woman as a sister, in all purity.
3. What should the children and grandchildren of a widow do for her? [5:4]
They should take care of her. Paul said that they should show honor and repay their parents.
4. How did Paul describe a real widow, her attitude, and her behavior in 5:5?
Paul described a real widow as someone who was left all alone, who set her hope in God, and who continued to pray night and day.
5. What did Paul say about anyone who did not take care of those in his own household? [5:8]
He has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
6. How did Paul describe a widow who may be enrolled to be under the church's care? [5:9, 10]
She should not be younger than sixty years old. She should be the wife of one husband and have a reputation for doing good deeds.
7. Why did Paul say that younger widows must not be allowed to enroll in the list of widows? [5:11-12]
Because later they may want to marry and set aside their prior commitment.
8. What did Paul want younger widows to do? [5:14]
Paul wanted younger widows to marry, to bear children, and to manage their household.

Comment Section:

5:17-6:2

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul gave instructions about elders. [5:17-19]
- ☐ Paul gave instructions about sinners. [5:20-22, 24-25]
- ☐ Paul recommended that Timothy drink a little wine for his stomach and frequent illnesses. [5:23]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul say should be done for elders who led well? [5:17]
Elders who led well were to be considered worthy of double honor.
2. Why do you think Paul quoted the scriptures about an ox and a laborer? [5:18]
Perhaps Paul wanted to show that just as an ox that worked should be fed, and a laborer should be paid, the elders who led should be paid.
3. What was Paul's instruction to Timothy regarding accusations against an elder? [5:19]
Timothy was instructed to not receive an accusation against an elder unless there were two or three witnesses to what was being accused.
4. How did Paul instruct Timothy to correct sinners? [5:20]
Paul instructed Timothy to correct sinners "before all" so that the rest may be afraid,
5. What did Paul tell Timothy about keeping commands in 5:21?
Paul commanded Timothy to be careful to keep these commands without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.
6. What do you think it meant to keep commands without partiality or favoritism?
It meant Timothy should treat all people the same way. He should be fair and just to all people.
7. What two things did Paul tell Timothy not to do? [5:22]
Paul told him not to place his hands on anyone hastily and not to share in another person's sins.
8. What do you think it meant to "place hands" on someone? [5:22]
Perhaps to place hands on someone meant showing approval and giving authority.
9. How do you think Timothy could share in someone's sins? [5:22]
Perhaps if Timothy placed his hands on someone, but that person did not have a good reputation, people might think that Timothy approved of that person's sins.
10. What did Paul tell Timothy to do about his stomach and frequent illnesses? [5:23]
Paul told Timothy to drink a little wine for his stomach and frequent illnesses.

1 Timothy 5:17-6:2 continued

11. How do you think a little wine helped Timothy? [5:23]

Perhaps wine made his stomach feel better and kept him from getting sick so frequently.

12. What did Paul teach about sin in 5:24?

The sins of some people were openly known, but the sins of some people will not be known until the judgment.

13. What did Paul say about slaves? [6:1-2]

Paul said slaves should show honor to their masters, especially if their master was a Christian.

Comment Section:

6:3-21

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul warned Timothy about false teachers. [6:3-5]
- ☐ Paul warned Timothy about wanting too much money. [6:6-10]
- ☐ Paul encouraged Timothy to pursue righteousness until Jesus Christ appears. [6:11-16]
- ☐ Paul told Timothy what to teach rich people. [6:17-19]
- ☐ Paul gave Timothy more instruction about teaching. [6:20-21]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Paul describe those who taught a false doctrine? [6:3-5]

Those false teachers:

- were proud and understood nothing
- had an unhealthy interest in arguments that resulted in evil and conflict
- had forgotten the truth and thought godliness was a way to get more money

2. What did Paul teach about godly contentment? [6:7-8]

He told them it is great gain because people brought nothing into the world and cannot take anything out of it. But if they had food and clothing, they should be content.

3. How was the love of money harmful? [6:9-10]

Money was a root of all kinds of evil. Some people who strongly wanted more money had wandered from the faith and caused themselves much grief.

4. What fight did Paul say Timothy must fight? [6:12]

Paul said Timothy must fight the good fight of faith.

5. About what had Timothy given the good confession? [6:12]

Timothy gave the good confession about everlasting life.

6. How was Timothy to keep the command that Paul gave him? [6:14]

Timothy was to keep the command without spot or blame until Jesus appeared again.

7. Where does God, the blessed and only Sovereign, dwell? [6:15-16]

He dwells in inapproachable light where no person can view him.

8. How were the rich to live in this world? [6:17-18]

They were not to be proud or hope in their riches. They were to hope in God, do good deeds, and be generous.

1 Timothy 6:3-21 continued

9. What do you think it meant to be “rich in this world”? [6:17]
Perhaps it meant to have many possessions that were from the world.
10. What do you think Paul meant when he told Timothy that people should be rich in good works? [6:18]
Perhaps Paul meant that he wanted people to do a lot of good works.
11. What did those who were rich in good works do for themselves? [6:19]
They stored up a good foundation for the future, so that they will take hold of real life.
12. Finally, what did Paul tell Timothy to do with the things given to him? [6:20]
Paul was probably talking about Timothy’s ministry. He wanted Timothy to remember what he had learned and to teach it well.
13. What do you think Paul meant when he told Timothy to protect what had been given to him. [6:20; see also 4:13-16]
Paul was probably talking about Timothy’s ministry. He wanted Timothy to remember what he had learned and to teach it well.

Comment Section: