

1 TIMOTHY

LESSON SIX
“TILL I COME”
Chapter 4:13-16

[A] 1:1-2 Benediction

[B] 1:3-20 Admonition

[C] 2:1 to 3:13 Christian Duties

[D] 3:14-15 Intended Visit

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Once again, Paul writes of his plan to come to Ephesus.

Look for the answers to these questions:

1. What is the church "presbytery"?
2. What are the five "solas" of Presbyterianism?
3. What are the SIX Calls to Dedication and Action in 1 Timothy 4:13-16?
4. What are the TWO Reasons for these calls?

Till I Come (4:13-16)

1 Timothy 4:13

¹³ **Till I come,**
give attendance to reading,
to exhortation,
to doctrine.

He instructs Timothy on how he should occupy himself while he waits.



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This is how a minister serves the people of God -- by **READING** the Scriptures, **EXHORTING** them to good works, and upholding the **DOCTRINE** of Christ.



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GENEVA BIBLE NOTES

“The private exercise of pastors, is the continual reading of the scriptures, from which they may draw water out of wholesome doctrine and exhortation, both for themselves and for others.”

Till I Come (4:13-16)

1 Timothy 4:14

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All the gifts of God lie dormant until they are used.



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The Lord declares his special gifting upon his servant either by a prophet or by a believer equipped with the spiritual gift of prophecy, .



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Ordination to ministry requires the participation and approval of church elders.



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STRONG'S CONCORDANCE

PRESBYTERY

πρεσβυτέριον (presbuterion)

- 1) body of elders, senate, council
- 2) the elders of an assembly of Christians

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From Wikipedia.org

Presbyterianism is a form of Protestant Christianity, as well as a particular form of church government. Its primary tenets include the Five Solas:

Scripture alone,
Faith alone,
Christ alone,
Grace alone,
Glory to God alone.

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1 Timothy 4:15

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give thyself wholly to them;
that thy profiting may appear
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Matthew Henry Commentary

“Ministers must be wholly in these things, they must mind these things as their principal work and business:”

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Christian meditation is not to EMPTY
your mind, but to FILL it with the
word of God.

Psalm 77:12

I will meditate also of all thy work,
and talk of thy doings.



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The presence of God in your life can neither be faked nor kept hidden. Paul knew that if Timothy remained faithful to these things, his spiritual growth would be evident to anyone with eyes to see.



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Christian disciple is SELF discipline.

2 Corinthians 13:5a

Examine yourselves, whether ye be
in the faith; prove your own selves...

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The doctrine of God is mentioned 8 times in this epistle, and 16 times all together in the pastoral epistles.



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John 8:31b-32

³¹ ... If ye **continue** in my word,
then are ye my disciples indeed;
³² And ye shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you free.



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Just like when he said that a woman
“shall be saved in childbearing” (2:15),
Paul is *not* speaking of being saved
from eternal damnation, but from the
consequences of a misdirected life.



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UP NEXT

[C] 5:1 to 6:2 Christian Duties

Paul gives instruction on our obligation to widows and ministers, and gives counsel to Christians who are slaves.

Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

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Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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