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Courageous Christians: Timothy

Hold on to faith *(taken from the first book of Timothy)*

Dear Timothy – a man of true faith!

From Paul, an apostle of Jesus.

I am so thankful for what Jesus has done in my life! He has given me so much love, despite the terrible things that I once did. That just goes to show how amazing Jesus is – he is the King and God above all.

But Timothy, I want you to hold on to faith and keep fighting the good fight. Some people around you will reject their faith, ruined like a shipwreck on the rocks. But you must keep going!

Pray always. Pray all kinds of prayers, especially for kings and rulers and those who have authority. Pray for peace, as this is what God wants also. Lift up your hands to God with thanksgiving and prayers of request. Pray to Jesus who stands between us and God the Father. This is the truth!

Make sure you choose leaders in your church carefully – leaders should be kind, full of self-control and good teachers. They should be prepared to learn from others and live ordered lives. There will be some who will abandon their faith, and those who lie and teach false truths about what people can and can't do. But remember, God is good and gives only good things! You must point out wrong teaching and put your hope in the living God who is the Saviour of all. Read your Bible often and make sure people see you reading it. Teach from the Bible only – you have a gift for teaching and you should use it. Remember you have been anointed to do this. Don't let people speak down to you because you are young, but set a good example in what you say and the way you show love to others and the way you live your life.



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Be kind to all, no matter what age they are. Treat one another as family and make sure everyone, especially widows, have everything they need. Lay hands on those who want to stay pure and challenge those who are stuck in sin. Remember, the love of money leads to all kinds of evil and can distract us from our faith. But you, Timothy, are full of love and faith and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith! Grace be with you.