

Thus and thus must you behave toward the widows on the poor fund—towards the younger women, etc. Thus I direct with regard to the rich, to slaves, to false teachers. So he lays down his direction to the young bishop for his guidance in the church.

Then for his personal life. Keep thyself pure. Watch against the love of money. O man of God, flee from these things—follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith. I charge thee in the sight of God and of Christ Jesus that thou keep the commandment without spot until the appearing of Our Lord Jesus Christ. O Timothy, guard that which is committed unto thy trust. Peace be with you.

So ends the first epistle to Timothy.

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Soon afterwards Paul visited the churches of Crete with Titus. He could not stay long enough to do all that was needful in ordaining clergy and checking false teachers. So he had to leave Titus there in the same position and authority as Timothy at Ephesus. Titus was young for a bishop and it would seem that his authority was questioned. So, later on, it was necessary to write to him also. It is not necessary here to comment on the epistle to Titus, as it is, in substance, very like that to Timothy.

VI

So Paul continued his tour from town to town, from church to church, setting things in order, bidding them good-bye, leaving them "sorrowing for the words which he had said that they should see his face no more."

Every month danger drew nearer. The rage against Christians had spread from Rome to the Provinces and such a prominent leader could not be safe for long. He would have to steal in and out of towns secretly, trusting the loyalty of the church people not to betray him. He had no lack of enemies, Jews