

# They Call Me Coach

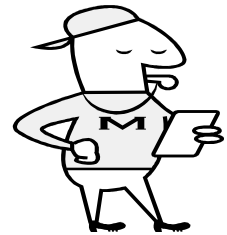
*Studies in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*

## Game On

### Introduction to “1 Timothy 1-2

The UCLA basketball team set a modern standard in championships, winning 10 national titles in 12 years between 1964 and 1975. They were led by John Wooden, known as “Coach” to his players and friends. He is still considered to be the dean of all collegiate basketball coaches, because he not only developed basketball players, but people of character who could succeed at anything in life. As we study in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus over the next few weeks we will discover that the apostle, Paul, similarly ‘coached’, or mentored, Timothy and Titus, the pastors of the church at Ephesus and Crete respectively. The letters he wrote to them, as the Holy Spirit inspired them, were his play-

book, or coach’s tips, for “playing the game” of building Christ’s kingdom through the local church. He began in 1 Timothy 1-2 by telling them what to do; but even more he wanted them to carry out these things when it was “game on” time. The first thing Paul wanted them to understand was the purpose of the game, and to operate accordingly. As he said in 1:5, the “goal of our instruction is love”, based on purity, goodness, and sincerity. If we are to succeed in the game, love must be the foundation that everything is based on; without it nothing else matters. He also reminded them that we must have a passion for the game, or kingdom, one that is based on God’s



**Coaching tips for building Christ’s kingdom.**

grace to us, and His supreme greatness. Our hearts must be in the game if we are to succeed. Finally, we must have His plan for building the kingdom—its outcome is to be salvation for all men, and the means are proclaiming the truth, prayer, and proper attitudes. By following God’s purpose with heart-felt motivation and God’s plan, we can expect to win when the game is on.

#### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- Worship—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- Fellowship—You were formed for God’s family
- Discipleship—You were created to become like Christ
- Ministry—You were shaped for serving God
- Evangelism—You were made for a mission

## Daily Questions for 1 Timothy 1-2

*(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.celebrationnet.com/resources/leader](http://www.celebrationnet.com/resources/leader) resources)*

1. Read 1:1-2. How did Paul describe God and Christ (v1)? How did he view Timothy and what did he ask for him (v2)?	
2. In 1:3-5 what did Paul tell Timothy to stand against (v3-4), and to stand for (v5)? What should describe our love (v5)? Why?	
3. From 1:6-11 what contradicts living by love (v6-7)? Who is the Law for (v8-10), and why is this true?	

## I Timothy 1-2 Study Questions (cont)

4. Based on 1:12-16 for what 2 things was Paul thankful (v12, 15-16)? Why did Paul believe God had done this (v13, 16)? Apply

5. Looking at 1:17, list Paul's descriptions of God and explain what you think each one means. How does this motivate you to serve Him?

6. According to 1:18-20 what should have motivated Timothy to serve God (v18)? Why do you think Paul provided the example in v19-20?

7. Read 2:1-4. Who are we to pray for (v1, 2), and what are we to pray (v2)? Why should we pray this (v3-4)?

8. In 2:5-7, using Paul as an example, what must we explain to people for them to be saved (v5-6)? Why is this truth vital for their salvation?

9. From 2:8-10 what should men focus on (v8) and what should women focus on (v9-10) for people to be saved?

10. Using 2:11-15 what does Paul instruct (v12, 15), and why (v13-14)? What principle does this teach, and how should we apply it?

11. In your own words summarize how we are "play the game" of building Christ's kingdom—the purpose (1:1-11), the passion (1:12-20), and the plan (2:1-15). Where do you need

### Scripture to Remember

*"But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."*

**1 Timothy 1:5 (NAS)**

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### Life Group Questions—Building Bridges by Communication

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Brainstorm as many types of communication today as you can think of. Which do you like best, and which do you like least?
2. Which of the 4 ways of dishonest communication (lies, flattery, broken promises, silence) do you resort to most often? How does each one erode trust?
3. Think of a recent time that something came out of your mouth that surprised you. What do you think caused it, and how does this show the heart-mouth connection?
4. Talk about the acrostic LISTEN (Look, invest, stop, think, empathize, notice body language). Share with the group the one that you need to work on most.
5. How well do you use questions and pictures for clarification? Give some examples of how that works.
6. Discuss why acceptance (from God, of yourself, and between each other) is really the key to bridge-building communication.