

A SMALL GROUP STUDY

# 1 TIMOTHY

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# ABOUT DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS SMALL GROUP STUDIES

**Welcome** to this special Drivetime Devotions, small group study. This 6-week study is designed so that you can enjoy Drivetime Devotions as a podcast throughout the week and then talk about it with your small group. This will allow for more time in your small group for discussion, application, and fellowship.

The purpose of Drivetime Devotions is to help you know God's Word and put it into practice. It's usually better to study small sections of God's Word each day instead of a larger section once a week. Studying the Bible is like eating—you'll be healthier if you eat small amounts each day rather than one big meal a week! Episodes are designed to be listened to once per day, five days a week. In the event you miss a day or two, you can still stay on schedule.

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In Drivetime Devotions, Pastor Tom Holladay teaches God's Word and helps you put it into practice. With over 30 million downloads, Drivetime Devotions has built a reputation for changing lives and helping people grow closer to God. You can access this podcast study on 1 TIMOTHY by downloading the DrivetimeDevotions app for your phone or by going to [DrivetimeDevotions.com](http://DrivetimeDevotions.com).

# HOW TO USE THIS INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed to be used as a downloaded file on your tablet or phone. You do not need to print it out unless you want to.

# A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



## **LISTEN**

Prepare yourself before each study by listening to each week's five daily podcast episodes (one per day).



## **CHECKING IN**

Open each meeting with a time for everyone to check in on each other's progress with the podcast. Accountability is a key to success in this study!



## **KEY VERSE**

Each week you will find a key verse (or verses) from the chapter you are studying. You may want to memorize this verse together as a group.



## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

These are questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. The material in this study is meant to be your servant, not your master. Therefore there is no reason to rush through your discussions. Give everyone ample time to share their thoughts.

Some questions will reference the verses from which they are taken. Many groups will want to have someone read those verses accompanying the question. There is something powerful about hearing the Bible read aloud together as a group.



## LIVING ON PURPOSE

This section helps you encourage each other in balancing God's five purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. Each week, there will be a prayer, practical action, or personal assignment that focuses on one of these purposes.



## PRAYING TOGETHER

At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

Get ready for God to do incredible things in your life as you begin the adventure of learning more deeply about the most exciting message in the world: the truth about God!

## A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



### TELL A FRIEND

As you go through each session, the Holy Spirit may bring to mind different people in your life. You may even want to write their names down beside a point, phrase, or verse in the margins. Take the opportunity to share God's Word in a friend's life during the week.

## WEEK ONE: 1 TIMOTHY Chapter 1



### LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

## WEEK ONE



### CHECKING IN

1. What is a favorite hobby or activity you enjoy doing in your free time, and how long have you been doing it?
2. When you think about someone who has strongly influenced your life, what is one quality you most admire about them?



### KEY VERSE

*"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."*

**1 Timothy 1:17 (NIV)**



### DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. When you encounter confusing teachings or controversies that distract you, how do you practically recenter yourself on God's work, and how can we help you stay focused? *1 Timothy 1:1-4*
2. Where in your life do you struggle most to love others from a pure heart and a good conscience, and how can our group support you in developing those qualities? *1 Timothy 1:5-7*

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3. How has experiencing God's immense grace regarding your past mistakes changed how you view yourself, and how can we remind each other of this grace when we feel unworthy? *1 Timothy 1:12-14*
4. How does viewing yourself as the 'worst of sinners' change the way you react to the faults of others, and how can we encourage one another to show that same immense patience? *1 Timothy 1:15-16*
5. What personal struggles often distract you from worship, and how can we challenge each other to intentionally praise the eternal King in the midst of those difficulties? *1 Timothy 1:17*
6. In what specific areas of your life are you finding it hardest to fight the good fight and maintain a clear conscience, and how can we pray for your endurance? *1 Timothy 1:18-19*



## LIVING ON PURPOSE

### WORSHIP

WORSHIP - This week, choose a specific attribute of God (like His patience, grace, or eternity) and spend five minutes each morning thanking Him for that quality before looking at your phone or starting your daily tasks.



### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that we would be continually amazed by God's patience toward us, and ask Him to help us live lives focused on His grace rather than our own perfection.

## WEEK ONE



### TELL A FRIEND

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## WEEK TWO: 1 TIMOTHY Chapter 2



### LISTEN

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## WEEK TWO



### CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week's purpose, what attribute of God did you focus on thanking Him for, and how did that impact your mornings?
2. If you could have dinner with any world leader, past or present, who would it be and why?



### KEY VERSE

*"This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."*

**1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NIV)**



### DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Which leaders or people in authority do you find most difficult to pray for, and how can we as a group keep each other accountable to lifting them up peacefully? *1 Timothy 2:1-2*
2. Who is someone in your life that seems far from God right now, and how can we join you in praying for their salvation and sharing the truth with them?  
*1 Timothy 2:3-4*

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3. What personal fears hold you back from sharing the message of Jesus as the only mediator, and how can our fellowship embolden you to step out in faith this week? *1 Timothy 2:5-7*
4. In what situations are you most prone to anger or disputes, and how can we encourage one another to instead lift up holy hands in prayer during those moments? *1 Timothy 2:8*
5. How does the pressure to focus on outward appearances affect your daily life, and what practical steps can we take to help each other prioritize inner character and good deeds? *1 Timothy 2:9-10*
6. When do you find it most challenging to listen and learn quietly in your faith journey, and how can we cultivate a group environment of humble learning? *1 Timothy 2:11-12*



### LIVING ON PURPOSE

#### EVANGELISM

EVANGELISM - Identify one person in your life who doesn't know Christ and commit to praying for them every day this week, specifically asking God for an opportunity to demonstrate His love to them.



#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the people in our lives who do not yet know the Lord, asking God to soften their hearts and give us the boldness and compassion to share the good news with them.

## WEEK TWO



### TELL A FRIEND

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## WEEK THREE: 1 TIMOTHY Chapter 3



### LISTEN

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## WEEK THREE



### CHECKING IN

1. Looking back, how did it go praying daily for the person you identified last week, and did any opportunities arise to show them God's love?
2. What is the most memorable piece of advice you received from a parent or mentor?



### KEY VERSE

*"They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience."*

**1 Timothy 3:9 (NIV)**



### DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Which of the character qualities listed for leaders do you personally find most challenging to emulate, and how can we help hold you accountable to growing in that area? *1 Timothy 3:1-3*
2. What pressures make it difficult for you to lead and manage your own household well, and how can our group support you in prioritizing your family? *1 Timothy 3:4-5*

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3. In what areas of your life are you most susceptible to pride or conceit, and how can we gracefully speak truth to one another to keep each other humble? *1 Timothy 3:6-7*
4. Where in your daily interactions is your integrity tested the most, and how can we encourage each other to keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience? *1 Timothy 3:8-10*
5. When are you most tempted to engage in malicious talk or gossip, and what practical boundaries can we establish together to ensure our speech is always trustworthy? *1 Timothy 3:11-13*
6. How has being part of God's household impacted your personal spiritual growth, and how can we challenge each other to more deeply invest in our church family? *1 Timothy 3:14-16*



### LIVING ON PURPOSE

#### DISCIPLESHIP

DISCIPLESHIP - Choose one area of your character (such as gentleness, self-control, or hospitality) to actively practice this week, and share your progress with an accountability partner from this group.



#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the integrity of our church leaders and for each other, asking God to refine our character and help us live consistently with the truths we believe.

## WEEK THREE



### TELL A FRIEND

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## WEEK FOUR: 1 TIMOTHY Chapter 4



### LISTEN

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## WEEK FOUR



### CHECKING IN

1. Looking back, which area of your character did you choose to work on last week, and how did practicing it go?
2. What is a physical habit or exercise routine you've tried to start but found difficult to maintain?



### KEY VERSE

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."*

**1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)**



### DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. What cultural ideas or teachings are currently making it difficult for you to hold onto the truth, and how can we help each other recognize and reject these distractions? *1 Timothy 4:1-5*
2. What 'godless myths' or unhelpful habits are draining your spiritual energy, and how can we encourage one another to train ourselves for godliness instead? *1 Timothy 4:6-7*

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3. Where are you currently struggling to maintain your spiritual disciplines, and how can our group provide the hope and support you need to keep laboring and striving? *1 Timothy 4:8-10*
4. In which of the five areas—speech, life, love, faith, or purity—do you feel you are struggling the most to set an example, and how can we practically support your growth there this week? *1 Timothy 4:11-12*
5. What unique spiritual gifts or abilities has God given you that you might be neglecting, and how can we as a group encourage you to use them more boldly? *1 Timothy 4:13-14*
6. What holds you back from giving yourself fully to your spiritual growth, and how can we keep a close watch on each other's progress in a loving, encouraging way? *1 Timothy 4:15-16*



### LIVING ON PURPOSE

#### FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP - Reach out to someone in this group during the week to share a meal, coffee, or a phone call, specifically to encourage them in the spiritual gifts you see in them.



#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that our group would be a place of genuine encouragement, where we inspire one another to use our God-given gifts to build each other up in faith.

## WEEK FOUR



### TELL A FRIEND

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## WEEK FIVE: 1 TIMOTHY Chapter 5



### LISTEN

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## WEEK FIVE



### CHECKING IN

1. Looking back, who did you connect with from the group last week to encourage, and what did you learn from that fellowship time?
2. What was your favorite family tradition growing up?



### KEY VERSE

*"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."*

**1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)**



### DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. When you experience frustration with older or younger members of our church family, how do you typically react, and how can we help each other respond with absolute purity and respect? *1 Timothy 5:1-2*
2. What challenges do you face in balancing the needs of your immediate family with your other commitments, and how can we support each other in honoring our families first? *1 Timothy 5:3-8*

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3. Which of the practical good deeds mentioned here, like showing hospitality or helping those in trouble, do you find hardest to practice, and how can we encourage you to step out in these areas? *1 Timothy 5:9-10*
4. In what situations are you most tempted to drift into idleness or gossip, and what responsibilities or habits can we help you build to stay focused on what is good? *1 Timothy 5:11-15*
5. How can we as a group practically show honor and support to those who lead and teach in our church, and what steps will you take this week to encourage them? *1 Timothy 5:17-19*
6. Where in your life are you most at risk of sharing in the sins of others, and what boundaries can we help you put in place to keep yourself pure?  
*1 Timothy 5:20-22*



### LIVING ON PURPOSE

#### MINISTRY

MINISTRY - Find a practical way to serve an elderly person, a widow, or a single parent in your neighborhood or church this week, such as offering to help with yard work, delivering a meal, or running errands.



#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that God would give us eyes to see the practical needs of the vulnerable in our community, and the willingness to step out and serve them in love.

## WEEK FIVE



### TELL A FRIEND

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## WEEK SIX: 1 TIMOTHY Chapter 6



### LISTEN

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## WEEK SIX



### CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week's purpose, how were you able to serve someone in need, and what did that experience teach you?
2. What is the most unnecessary thing you've ever bought on an impulse?



### KEY VERSE

*"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it."*

**1 Timothy 6:6-7 (NIV)**



### DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. What difficult or unfair situations at your workplace make it hard to show respect, and how can we encourage each other to honor our leaders so that God's name is not disrespected? *1 Timothy 6:1-2*
2. When do you find yourself drawn into unhealthy arguments or friction with others, and how can our group help you recognize and step away from these controversies? *1 Timothy 6:3-5*

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3. In what specific area of your life is it hardest for you to feel content right now, and how can we challenge each other to find true satisfaction in godliness instead of circumstances? *1 Timothy 6:6-8*
4. How is the desire for wealth or material things currently distracting you from your faith, and what practical steps can we take to help each other flee from these temptations? *1 Timothy 6:9-10*
5. Which of the qualities—righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, or gentleness—do you need to pursue more actively this week, and how can we help you fight that good fight? *1 Timothy 6:11-12*
6. Where is God asking you to be more generous and willing to share your resources, and how can we hold each other accountable to laying up a true foundation for the future? *1 Timothy 6:17-19*



### LIVING ON PURPOSE

#### WORSHIP

WORSHIP - To combat materialism and foster contentment, choose one possession you value and give it away this week, or make an anonymous and extravagant financial gift to a ministry or person in need, praising God for His provision.



#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for a spirit of deep contentment with what God has provided, asking Him to break any grip of materialism in our lives so we can worship Him freely through our generosity.

## WEEK SIX



### TELL A FRIEND

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