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Timothy
Titus
Philemon

NOTES FOR FINAL EXAM, MAY 28

THERE WILL BE NO GUESSING GAMES AS TO WHAT'S COVERED ON THE EXAM

GUIDELINES

- A. Given a list (on the right) of the criteria Paul presented to Timothy and Titus regarding the attributes elders should possess in the church, be able to provide a case for one of these two points of view.
1. These criteria are a checklist; i.e., all attributes should be present in candidates for eldership, or
 2. These criteria are a list of ideal attributes; i.e., an elder candidate does not have to possess all the attributes.
- B. Given a list of the criteria Paul presented to Timothy and Titus regarding the attributes elders should possess in the church, be able to identify which attributes are necessary for accepting candidacy.
- C. Discuss the significance of Paul's praise for Lois and Eunice, given his comments in 1 Corinthians 11:1-16, and 1 Corinthians 14:33-15; see also "[Moody Radio Didn't Warn Me in Advance!](https://thescoop.dthomasporter.com/pushes-from-the-paraclete/moody-radio-didnt-warn-me-in-advance.html)"¹
- D. Explain the usefulness and ineffectiveness of universalism (1 Timothy 4:9-10).
- E. Discuss the presumed sexism/misogyny of Paul in 1 Timothy 5:1-16.
- F. Explain why elders who work in the word and teach are to be paid. Then discuss why we resist this notion. (1 Timothy 5:17-25)

ELDER ATTRIBUTES BY PAUL TO TIMOTHY & TITUS

1. Worthy of respect.
2. Sincere.
3. Not indulging in much wine.
4. Not pursuing dishonest gain.
5. Keeps hold of the deep truths of the faith.
6. Have wives who are women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers, but temperate, trustworthy in everything.
7. Husband of one wife, and also must manage his children and household well.
8. Blameless [i.e., no debauchery; ἀσωτίας [810](#)]
9. Has children who believe, neither wild nor disobedient.
10. Neither overbearing nor quick-tempered.
11. Neither a quarrelsome drunk [[3943](#)], nor violent.
12. Not one who pursues dishonest gain.

¹<https://thescoop.dthomasporter.com/pushes-from-the-paraclete/moody-radio-didnt-warn-me-in-advance.html>

- G. Briefly summarize the advice given to Timothy regarding worship norms and modesty given in 1 Timothy 2:8-15. Then discuss, given this advice, on when/whether a person should have a tattoo.²
- H. Why was it useful for false teachers in the church to describe Cretans as lazy, lying, evil brutes? Who are today's "Cretans?"
- I. How do you reconcile Paul's call for wives to be "busy at home" with Solomon's [Lemuel's?] praise for a woman working outside the home?
- J. Why did the Christ give Himself to redeem us from our "lawlessness" according to Titus 2:14? Why do we teach something different than this? How does our false teaching about the reason for Christ's sacrifice dilute the power of the Lord God Almighty?
- K. How would you characterize Paul's attitudes about these false teachers? Why is he so adamant? What are false teachings currently that would be worthy of Paul's critique?
- L. What are some needless and/or foolish controversies the church today enjoys?³
- M. Identify which and why your choice is the correct hermeneutic for verse Titus 3:15—
- ✓ "Greet those loving us who are in the faith," or
 - ✓ "Greet those loving us who are immersed in faith."
- N. Identify the rhetorical skills⁴ exemplified by Paul as he counseled Philemon to accept Onesimus. Provide examples of his language (either Scripture quotes, ideally, or paraphrase of same) illustrating these rhetorical skills.
- O. Provide a brief example in your life as to the efficacy of Paul's claim through prayer that "sharing your faith" will help you understand "all the great things we have *en* the Christ."

²Oxford English Dictionary gives the etymology of tattoo as "In 18th century *tattaow*, *tattow*. From Polynesian (Samoan, Tahitian, Tongan, etc.) *tatau*. In Marquesan, *tatu*." Before the Polynesian word was used, the practice of "tattooing" was described in the West as "scarring, staining and/or painting." "Tattoo" is not found in the Hebrew Scriptures even though the Polynesian word was used in translation (Leviticus 19:28).

³Why "enjoys?" According to [Porter's First Law of Human Behavior](#), Human beings see, hear, remember, understand, and do what they *want* to see, hear, remember, understand, and do." Porter's First Law of Human Behavior—Simplified: People believe what is useful to them. Accordingly, we engage in foolish controversies because we want to; they serve a function. Understanding that functionality, however bizarre or irrational, may be the first step toward avoiding said controversies.

⁴See <https://DThomasPorter.com/BibleStudies/NTS602/Philemon.pdf>