

# Listening Guide

---

This Listening Guide is designed to help you ask questions and take notes on what you're learning. The process will accomplish two things: first, it will help process the information in the lecture by keeping your mind engaged with the material. Second, it will allow you to collect your notes in one place for a summary of the lesson's content. If you choose to do additional study or want to teach the material to others, you will have a thorough set of notes to guide you.

You may print these Listening Guide pages separately and complete the information as you read, listen to, or watch the lessons. Or as an alternative, you can fill in the fields in this digital version and save to your computer once you are finished.

## **I. Introduction to Pastoral Epistles**

[1] Where was Timothy serving as a pastor?

[2] Where was Titus serving?

## **A. Authorship of the Pastoral Epistles**

[3] What did Dr. Blomberg say that argues for Pauline authorship of the Pastoral Epistles?

**[4]** What is the first concern that leads some to doubt Pauline authorship of the Pastoral Epistles?

**[5]** There seems to be a different doctrinal focus in the pastorals. The writer “repeatedly enjoins the audience to (complete the following):

(1) fight ...

(2) cling to ...

(3) be faithful to ...

**[6]** What is the third and most significant question about Pauline authorship of the Pastoral Epistles?

**[7]** What is the issue with the letter to Titus, who was ministering in Crete?

**[8]** How did Dr. Blomberg address the facts of the different writing style in the Pastorals from the accepted Pauline writings?

### **B. Date of Pastoral Epistles**

**[9]** How does the dating of the Pastoral Epistles address the absence of their mention in the book of Acts?

**[10]** What dates did Dr. Blomberg give for each of the Pastoral Epistles?

## **II. Titus**

**[11]** In what order did Paul write Titus and 1 Timothy?

### **A. Introduction**

**[12]** How mature was the church in Crete?

**[13]** What issue did Paul have to address in the epistle to Titus?

**B. Instructions**

[14] Who is the first group being instructed in the letter to Titus?

[15] What advice did Paul give concerning asceticism?

[16] What does the Greek word Paul used to instruct women emphasize?

[17] What reason did Paul give in Titus 2:11–15 for following proper role relationships?

**C. Concluding Exhortations**

[18] What did Paul suggest as the best option for a factious church member?

**D. Application**

[19] What fundamental component of the gospel do Westerners often have a hard time coming to grips with?

[20] How do you relate to this problem? Do you struggle with it?

### **III. First Timothy**

[21] What is the major difference between Titus and 1 Timothy?

[22] In what ways is 1 Timothy like Titus and other letters Paul wrote?

#### **A. False Teachers**

[23] What is the twofold theological tendency of the heresy Paul addressed in 1 Timothy 1:8–11? How about in 6:20?

[24] What is the succinct statement of 1 Timothy's purpose stated in 1:18–20 ?

#### **B. Control Over Worship**

[25] What is the most disputed topic in all of the Pastoral Epistles?

### **C. Women Learners**

[26] What is the only imperative about women in 1 Timothy 2?

### **D. Women Teachers**

[27] In Dr. Blomberg's opinion, does 1 Timothy 2:12 present a timeless prohibition of women teaching men?

[28] How comfortable are you with women teaching the Bible to men?

[29] What two activities are combined in this teaching that explain each other?

[30] Dr. Blomberg stated, "Women, in this interpretation..." may do what?

[31] What limitation does Dr. Blomberg say should govern this ministry?

[32] What sets apart elders or overseers from deacons?

[33] What is the crux of the discussion over women functioning as elders?

[34] How do you feel about the issue of women being pastors or elders in a church?

**E. Leadership Criteria**

[35] How many primary offices does the New Testament distinguish?

[36] What do we know from church history about women's roles in the early church?

[37] What is the minority view about "husband of one wife" that Dr. Blomberg says should be seriously considered?

### **F. Godliness, Proper Respect, and Warnings**

**[38]** What is the second method Timothy is called on to use to combat false teaching?

**[39]** What is the third method?

**[40]** If we properly understand the statement that “the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil,” what is it clear Paul is enjoining his readers to?

## **IV. Second Timothy**

### **A. Introduction**

**[41]** What did Dr. Blomberg call 2 Timothy?

### **B. Analysis**

**[42]** If we had to summarize 2 Timothy in one verse, what would that verse be? What would the message be?



[43] What is the famous saying in 2 Timothy 3:16–17 about?

## **Reflection**

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

## **Application**

Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 6:10 is often quoted because of how relevant it is to most people. Dr. Blomberg stated, "It is clear that Paul again has to enjoin contentment with whatever God grants one, recognizing the lures to move away from God and dependence on Him that wealth often brings." How much actual contentment, confidence, comfort, and encouragement do you gain from an active relationship with God?