

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Gospel Shaped Church



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Previous Teachings

Keeping it authentic

A gospel shaped life

Gospel shaped church

Gospel shaped Gender

Authentic Leadership

In Today's Teaching

The Nature of Instructions:

The Purpose of Paul's Instructions

Instructions For Whom?

A Church With Purpose

The Mystery of Godliness

Paul Bursts Into Gospel Song

The Nature of Instructions:

Things are assumed with instructions!

Helpfulness

Not causing unnecessary problems

An Ability Listen and Learn

Instructions are there to teach us things previously unknown
Or as a reminder

Ultimately, Trustworthiness:

Reliable authoritative source

There is a good purpose behind them

That they will be followed properly



God's Word: Authoritative and Trustworthy

1 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Good instructions, from good authority, for good purpose.

The Purpose of Paul's Instructions

2 Timothy 3:15

I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household

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Instructions For Whom?

2 Timothy 3:15

I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God

Good instructions, from good authority, for good purpose.

A Church With Purpose



Pillar

**Support, to uphold and protect main
Structure**

Interior of St Stephen Walbrook - David Iliff



Foundation

**Not the origin
Support to uphold something else**

A Church With Purpose

The Truth

Pillar

Support, to
uphold...

Foundation

Not the origin
the base to hold..



the church

A Church With Purpose

The Truth

**The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.”**

The Mystery of Godliness

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness (ESV)

Beyond all question:

Confessedly, without
controversy

The mystery:

Not unknowable
Hidden, Now
Revealed

of godliness:

The godly
Gospel plan

is great:

Mega!
Mighty!

**God's church unanimously agrees,
the revelation of this Godly gospel plan
(of salvation)
is GREAT!**

Paul Bursts Into Gospel Song



He appeared (was made visible) **in the flesh,**

He already was, before being revealed in the flesh:

John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Paul Bursts Into Gospel Song

He appeared in the flesh,
John 1:10

was vindicated (or justified) by the Spirit,
(1 peter 2:22)

Was seen by angels,
Matthew 28:5-7

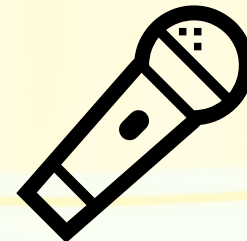
Was preached among the nations,
Acts 8:4-6

Was believed on in the world,
Acts 8:12

Was taken up in glory,
Acts 1:9-11



The Gospel



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Amen.