

1 & 2 Timothy

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure of 1 Timothy

1 TIMOTHY

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

15

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

6

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



OVERVIEW

After Paul was released from his first imprisonment in Rome, he wrote this epistle to Timothy. He wrote to offer encouragement in fulfilling his duty as an officer of the church, and gave counsel regarding the Christian body and pastoral office. Most Christian leaders in training are required to read 1 Timothy, which is still relevant concerning leadership skills necessary in congregations today.



WRITTEN
62-64 AD



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AUTHOR
Apostle Paul

Key Verse in 1 Timothy

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, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:15

Background of 1 Timothy

The Pastoral Epistles

1 & 2 Timothy, and Titus are letters written to two men working in located ministry. Timothy served in Ephesus, and Titus served in Crete.

These letters not only give instructions to young ministers, but they also offer guidance on orderly procedures for local churches.

Time & Place of Writing

1 Timothy was written approximately AD 63 from Macedonia

Original Audience

Written to Timothy, a convert of Paul and minister of the Gospel.

Purpose of the Book

To give encouragement and instructions to Timothy, a young preacher.

To offer instructions for life within the church.

Outline of 1 Timothy

Holding on to The Faith (Chapter 1)

Warning against unsound doctrine (1 Timothy 1:3-7)

Personal testimony of Paul (1 Timothy 1:13-15)

A Charge to Timothy (1 Timothy 1:18-20)

Instructions on Worship (Chapter 2)

Prayer for public officials (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Men & women in church services (1 Timothy 2:8-15)

Some point to consider about this sometimes controversial/confusing passage.

God is the 'coach' and can place his 'players' where he sees fit.

A key word in this passage is "authority."

Understood in light of all Scripture, this passage is not teaching that spiritual salvation is connected to childbirth.

Officers in the Churches (Chapter 3)

Requirements for Elders (1 Timothy 3:1-7)

Requirements for Deacons (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

Report of Paul to Timothy (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

Apostasy in the Churches (Chapter 4)

How to recognize apostates (1 Timothy 4:1-5)

What the "good minister" in times of apostasy (1 Timothy 4:6-16)

Duties of Officers of the Churches (Chapters 5:1-6:2)

Relationship of minister to different groups in the church

Taking care of widows

Showing proper respect

The effect of Christianity on slavery

Slavery in the Bible (From *GotQuestions*)

The Bible neither outright condones nor condemns slavery.

Slavery in the Bible many times was much different that what we know of in the American experience.

Both the Old and New Testaments condemn the practice of "man-stealing" or slave trading. (Exodus 21:16; 1 Timothy 1:9-10)

Final Charge to Timothy (1 Timothy 6:2-21)

Advice on greed – be content

Guard the truth (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

Summary & Structure of 2 Timothy

2 TIMOTHY

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

16

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

4

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



OVERVIEW

Paul wrote this second epistle to Timothy during his second imprisonment and before his death as a martyr. This book was the second letter written to Paul's young disciple, Timothy. From the serious nature of the letter, it contains Paul's awareness of his impending death, courage, faith, and some last words of encouragement.



WRITTEN
66-67 AD



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AUTHOR
Apostle Paul

Key Verse in 2 Timothy

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 4:2

Background of 2 Timothy

Time and Place of Writing

Written approximately AD 67.

Written from prison not long before Paul's death.

Audience

Timothy, a convert of Paul's and a minister in Ephesus.

All church leaders and believers everywhere.

Purpose

To give final instructions and encouragement to Timothy, minister of the church at Ephesus.

Outline of 2 Timothy

Suffering for the Gospel (Chapter 1)

Introduction (2 Timothy 1:1-7)

Paul is proud to suffer for Christ (2 Timothy 1:8-11)

Serving the Gospel (Chapter 2)

Paul uses several images to describe his relationship with Timothy and the attitude with which Timothy is to serve the cause of the Gospel.

Son (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

Good Soldier (2 Timothy 3:2-4)

Athlete (2 Timothy 2:5)

Farmer (2 Timothy 2:6-14)

Workman (2 Timothy 2:15-19)

Vessel (2 Timothy 2:20-23)

Servant (2 Timothy 2:24-26)

Straying from the Gospel (2 Timothy 3:1-4:5)

Conditions of the last days (2 Timothy 3:1-9)

Steadfastness in the last days (2 Timothy 3:10-17)

Preaching in the last days (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

Final Words (2 Timothy 4:6-22)

Reality (2 Timothy 4:6-7)

Request (2 Timothy 4:9, 21)

Final Word (2 Timothy 4:22)

Lessons/Applications

Hardship is _____ in Christian ministry.

Christians are called to live _____ lives in the midst of persecution.

Paul sets a good example of how to _____.