

1 TIMOTHY

1. TITLES:

- A. Timothy = honoring God; honoured of God; worshipper of God
- B. The First Epistle to Timothy
- C. The Book of The Minister – Qualifications

2. AUTHOR:

Written by Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

3. DATE:

Probably written between 61 and 65 A.D. after Paul's first imprisonment at Rome (Acts 28).

4. KEY WORDS:

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| A. Faith, Believe (1 Greek root) - 35 | D. Godliness - 9 |
| B. Good - 23 | E. Doctrine (s) - 9 |
| C. Charge, Command (ing, ment) - 11 | F. Teach (er, ers) - 8 |

5. KEY VERSES: 3:15; 6:11, 12

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To warn against false teachers.
- B. To give instruction regarding sound doctrine.
- C. To set forth the qualifications of elders and deacons.
- D. To encourage Timothy concerning his ministry.

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. The minister that is given to godliness will be good and faithful.
- B. The true minister will teach sound doctrine and will fulfill the charge given him.
- C. The relationship between older ministries and younger ministries is to be a "father-son" relationship.

8. OUTLINE:

- I. Charge Concerning Sound Doctrine - Ch. 1
- II. Charge Concerning Public Worship - Ch. 2
- III. Charge Concerning Church Officers - Ch. 3
- IV. Charge Concerning False Teachers - Ch. 4
- V. Charge Concerning Members of the Congregation - Ch. 5
- VI. Charge Concerning the Minister Himself - Ch. 6

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9. SUMMARY:

This book is one of Paul's four personal epistles, written to individuals rather than to churches. Timothy was probably converted under Paul's ministry at Lystra (Acts 14 with 1 Timothy 1:2). Seven years later he had matured spiritually so that he was "well reported of", and became Paul's travelling companion (Acts 16). In chapter one, Paul points on the necessity and responsibility of maintaining sound doctrine. Paul's exhortation in chapter two deals with prayer and the roles of men and women in public worship. Chapter three is given to the qualifications of elders and deacons and the importance of maintaining them. Chapter four shows the minister's relationship to false teachers and chapter five deals with the minister's care for the various members of the congregation. Paul closes the epistle in chapter six with a personal charge to Timothy.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the Elder (Ruler), the Deacon (Servant), and the Good Teacher who was faithful to the charge given Him.