

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The First Epistle of Paul to Timothy

THE BOOK OF 1 TIMOTHY

- ◉ In this first letter to Timothy, the aged and experienced apostle Paul writes to his much younger protégé Timothy, a young pastor facing heavy responsibility.
- ◉ Who wrote it?
 - Paul is the writer of this epistle (1:1).

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◉ Date of writing:

- Around A.D. 63.

◉ Surrounding Circumstances:

- Paul wrote this first letter to Timothy to encourage him in ministry and give him detailed instructions for church organization and life.
- This is the first of three Pastoral Epistles that Paul wrote. The other two are 2 Timothy and Titus.

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◎ Location of Events:

- **Paul wrote 1 Timothy from Macedonia. Timothy was serving the church in Ephesus. (1 Tim. 1:3)**

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Overview of the Acts of the Apostles



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II. Paul's Charge Concerning Public Worship (2:1-3:16)

- Prayer in Public Ministry (2:1-8)
- Women in Public Worship (2:9-15)
- Qualifications of Bishops (3:1-7)
- Qualifications of Deacons (3:8-13)
- Second Charge: "*Conduct Yourself in the House of God*" (3:14-16)

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IV. Paul's Charge Concerning Church Discipline (5:1-25)

- How to Treat All People (5:1, 2)
- How to Treat Widows (5:3-16)
- How to Treat Elders (5:17-20)
- Fourth Charge: “*Observe These Things Without Prejudice*” (5:21-25)

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V. Paul's Charge Concerning Pastoral Motives (6:1-21)

- Exhortation to Servants (6:1, 2)
- Exhortation to Godliness with Contentment (6:3-16)
- Exhortation to the Rich (6:17-19)
- Fifth Charge: “*Guard What Was Committed*” (6:20, 21)

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◎ Summary in 10 words or less:

- Pastors are taught how to conduct their lives and churches.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **Paul:** once a blasphemer and the worst of sinners, he was shown mercy
- **Timothy:** Paul's true son in faith; currently in Ephesus
- **Hymenaeus, Alexander:** have shipwrecked their faith and been turned over to Satan (1:19, 20)
- **The Rich:** should not put faith in the wealth of this world (6:17, 18)

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Verse to Remember

“Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

(1 Timothy 6:12)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Paul's last three epistles are often referred to the "Pastoral Epistles." In order of writing, they are 1 Timothy, Titus, and 2 Timothy.
- According to Hebrews 13:23, there was a time when Timothy was imprisoned.
- Timothy was a native of Lystra and was converted there during Paul's first missionary journey. During Paul's second missionary journey, he revisited Lystra and decided to take Paul with him.

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- What is my take away?
 - Caring for the sheep is a tremendous responsibility that can only be accomplished effectively with a yielded heart and complete reliance upon God.

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◉ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in 2 Timothy this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.