

## A SYNOPSIS OF PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

Today we begin our study of 1 Timothy. This letter (epistle) is written to the young \_\_\_\_\_, Timothy, while working in the big city church of Ephesus located in Asia Minor—modern day Turkey. It was a ministry started approximately 12 years earlier through much turmoil by the apostle Paul. Here, Timothy would have been facing many difficulties and problems associated with such a large work. Because of this Paul planned to come shortly, but the urgency of the circumstances dictated that a letter be sent without delay to encourage and \_\_\_\_\_ his associate. This is a letter of “know-how” to a pastor and all the church \_\_\_\_\_ alike. It is vitally important to first be familiarized with a Bible book before entering into its text, so today’s message will be an \_\_\_\_\_ of its profitable content.

Title means: \_\_\_\_\_ God; worshipper of God

Timothy (*also called Timotheus*) is referred to by name \_\_\_\_\_ times in the NT of your King James Bible

This letter is the first of three NT books referred to as the “*Pastoral Epistles*.” The other two books are 2 Timothy and Titus

Tally statistics: Chapters \_\_\_\_ Verses \_\_\_\_\_ Words 2,269

Author: The Apostle \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Timothy 1:1

Time of writing: \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_ AD – 1 Timothy was written by Paul while he was in the city of Laodicea, after Acts 28 between his first and second Roman imprisonments (*see footnote at conclusion of epistle*)

Theme: How to properly conduct yourself as a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of a local NT church

Key words: \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Timothy 1:3, 18; 5:7, 21; 6:13, 17

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This epistle was written to make sure the church and its members were *doing* the right things, therefore by necessity he must *charge* them to maintain *sound doctrine*

Key verses: 3:14-15 – These reveal the theme and explain why the entire epistle was \_\_\_\_\_

Key Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ – This chapter explains the qualities and qualifications for \_\_\_\_\_ and ultimately all members (*Acts 6:3*). This chapter contains the key verses and also one of the greatest verses on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ found in the Bible (*3:16*).

Three basic applications of scripture:

- 1- Historical: Paul writes to Timothy, a young pastor, to detail the order and \_\_\_\_\_ of the local church—its leaders and members
- 2- Doctrinal: God teaches us by scriptural revelation the importance of proper administration and \_\_\_\_\_ in local churches today and throughout church history
- 3- Devotional: God instructs believers about the kind of members we should be within the context of a local church to ensure the \_\_\_\_\_ and propagation of the gospel ministry

Chapter outline (\_\_\_\_\_):

1:1-2: Salutation (greeting)

1:3-20: The *charge* to maintain sound \_\_\_\_\_ and the purity of the gospel

2:1-8: The *charge* to pray and study the word

2:9-15: The *charge* to men and particularly to \_\_\_\_\_ in the local church and home

3:1-13: The *charge* to maintain ideal qualifications for pastors and deacons

3:14-16: The *charge* to guard the mystery of godliness (the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ)

4:1-11: The *charge* to \_\_\_\_\_ of the intrusion of satanic doctrines

4:12-16: The *charge* to personal holiness and continued growth and maturity

5: The *charge* to properly treat others and to responsibly choose spiritual leaders

6:1-5: The *charge* to proper relations between servants and \_\_\_\_\_

6:6-21: The *charge* to godliness with contentment and resist worldly wealth and wisdom

Throughout the letter Paul *charges* Timothy to stand firm, speak up, take good care of people, fight on, and keep true to the word and words of God...