

1 & 2 TIMOTHY

STUDY GUIDE

A BIT OF A CHANGE

We're going to do things a little different for this study guide. It's important for you to have the skills of reading a book of the Bible for yourself and also able to lead others through it. So, pull out your Bible and let's go! **YOU** are going to put together a study guide for yourself, with a little bit of direction along the way. Then, when we meet again, we'll discuss the book and the study guide you created. Trust me, you'll read the books in a whole new way going through this process!!

THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

The next three books – 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus – are considered the Pastoral Letters (Epistles) of the Bible for a couple different reasons:

1. Paul is writing to two pastors whom Paul raised up – so in some sense, a pastor writing to pastors
2. The books discuss issues of church management and qualifications of leaders.

However, the lessons within these books are not for pastors and leaders alone! **Make sure to identify what lessons you learn throughout both books – for leaders and for the general church.** (*Hint: This would be a great summary question!*)

AUTHOR

What clues from the text tell you who authored 1 & 2 Timothy?

DATE

Determining the date of writing of 1 & 2 Timothy is largely based on Paul's release from Roman prison **between 63-67 A.D.** It is believed he wrote these epistles, along with Titus, during this timeframe.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

To better understand these books, let's begin by learning a bit about the recipient: Timothy. Look up the following verses and take note of what you learn.

- Acts 16:1-3

- Acts 17:14

- Acts 18:5

- 1 Cor. 4:17

- 1 Cor. 16:10-11

- 1 Thess. 3:1-9

Be mindful of other things you learn about Timothy as you read the two letters to him. Write some of those things here:

PURPOSE FOR WRITING

Why are the books written? Think about the content of the books and see if there are any specific mentions of why the letter was written.

- 1 Timothy

- 2 Timothy

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LITERARY STRUCTURE

Outlining a book really helps identifying the content within the book. Without going into a ton of detail, how would you title the following sections?

1 Timothy	2 Timothy
Ch.1	Ch. 1
Ch. 2-3	Ch. 2
Ch. 4	Ch. 3
Ch. 5	Ch. 4
Ch. 6	

OBSERVATION WORDS

As you read through the books, identify words that are repeated or are speaking about a key theme/topic of the book. The ones listed below are just to get you started. There are several more for you to discover on your own.

1 TIMOTHY

- God, Jesus, Holy Spirit
- Trustworthy saying
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

2 TIMOTHY

- God, Jesus, Holy Spirit
- Suffering/affliction
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

SUMMARY QUESTIONS

As you read, put yourself in the place of someone leading another person or group through the book. What would be important for them to “catch” as they read the book? So, make up summary questions and answer them yourself. Here are a few to get you started.

- What did the Lord teach YOU through these books?

- What did you learn about God the Father?

- What were some ways Jesus & the Holy Spirit were represented? What are some things you learned about each of them?

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SUMMARIZE EACH BOOK

- **1 TIMOTHY**

- Key Word
- Key Verse
- Key Chapter

- **2 TIMOTHY**

- Key Word
- Key Verse
- Key Chapter