



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

## The book of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy

1. **The writer** : Paul, the apostle (1:1) had brought Timothy to the Lord (1:2). Paul had preached the Gospel in his city (Ac14:6-20) and Timothy had listened, becoming a disciple of Christ (Ac16:1-2). Paul was like a spiritual father (1Th2v11 & Ph2:19-22) although he never asked to be called "Father" (Mt23:9). Paul often used the relation "like a father" without actually being one (1Ti5:1). This letter is therefore quite intimate between the apostle and his "son in the faith".
2. **The date** : Paul had come twice to Timothy's city (Ac14 & 16) which would give us date after his second missionary trip but, before his third (Ac18:23) in 66 A.D. Neither his imprisonment in Rome nor the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. are mentioned. On the other hand, this book is about the organization of the young churches in Asia (1:3). A date around 62 A.D. seems probable, which would place it before the letter to Titus.
3. **The readers** : Timothy is addressed personally (1:2). He was a young convert (2Ti2:22 was written two years later !) but, he was a Bible teacher in Ephesus (1:3). Paul confided to him the divine revelation of the organization of a local church (3:14-15), all the while speaking of his personal and private life before the Lord (1:18, 4:8, 12-13, 15-16, 5:23, 6:1-14 & 20-21).
4. **The natural divisions** : "How one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church." 1 Timothy 3:15 ESV

ch1 Fight the good fight for the Faith, vs18-19.

ch2 Pray for all men, vs1 & 8-9.

ch3 Elders and Deacons must be qualified, vs2, 8 & 11.

ch4 Watch out for yourself and then what you teach, v16.

ch5 Care for the Christian widows and preachers of the Gospel, vs5 & 9, 17-18.

ch6 Work for Heavenly treasure, v17-19.

- 5. **The key repeated words** : Imperatives (things to do) are mentioned 96 times (31 imperative verbs, 28 subjunctive verbs and 27 infinitive verbs).
- 6. **The message** : "I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God." 1 Timothy 3v14-15
- 7. **The application** : "Fight the good fight of the faith." 1 Timothy 6v12

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**Personal Observations :**