



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 2nd Timothy

1. **The writer** : Paul, the apostle (1:1) had brought Timothy to the Lord (1Tim1:2, 2Tim2:1 & 1Cor4:17) and discipled him (1:6 & 3:10). He knew the family of Timothy (1:5) and is now old (4:6) having been already judged once at Rome (4:16) and abandoned by everyone (1:15). Only Luke the doctor had stayed (4:11). Paul escaped from death in the lions' den (4:17), but now he suffered from cold in prison (4:13 & 21) in Rome (1:17 & 2:9).
2. **The date** : The cities on the route to Rome, of which he writes (4:12-13 & 20), are not the same as on the first trip (Ac27:3-28:16). Marc (Ac15:37-38) has at last become an aide to Paul (4:11). Paul is again in prison (1:8 & 2:9). There is no word about the burning of Rome by Nero on July 16 in 64 AD. So the date then must be between 62 and 64 AD.
3. **The readers** : Timothy, a young man (2:22), son of a Greek man and a Jewish mother who had become a believer in Christ (Ac16:1), knew the Scriptures from his childhood (3:15). His father was not at all a believer (Ac16:3). But, his grandmother was converted to Christ (91:15). Timothy had chosen to follow Christ. Some prophecies about him revealed his spiritual gift (1Tim1:18, 4:14 & 2Tim1:6) as a teacher of Holy Scripture (1Tim4:13-16). He was now at Ephesus (1:18) with the friends of Paul (4:19).
4. **The natural divisions** : Seven self portraits of Paul -
 - 1:1-2 His salutation
 - 1:3-5 His prayer
 - 1:6-14 His vocation
 - 1:15-2:13 His faithfulness
 - 2:14-3:13 His suffering
 - 3:14-4:4 His word
 - 4:5-22 His sacrifice
5. **The key repeated words** : I, me, my... (all pronouns of the first person singular) 49x
6. **The message** : A Christian should be an example for others (3:10)
7. **The application** : Keep my words and actions in the truth and love of Christ. (1:13)