

Lesson 7 – Paul’s Personal Epistles: *I and II Timothy, Titus*

A. I Timothy

1. Author: Paul (I Tim. 1:1)
2. Reader: Timothy - *“My true child in the faith”* (I Tim. 1:2). Timothy is an evangelist in Ephesus (I Tim. 1:3). Paul may have converted him during his first missionary journey. During the second journey, Timothy joined Paul and Silas in the city of Lystra (Acts 16:1-5). Other important references to Timothy include (Philippians 2:19-23, Acts 17:14-15, I Cor. 4:17, I Cor. 16:10). He is frequently listed as a co-writer with Paul or one who sends greetings at the end of an epistle (Romans, II Cor., Philippians, Colossians).
3. Time of Writing: Between 63 and 65 A.D., after Paul’s first imprisonment
4. Purpose and Themes: Exhort Timothy to fight false teaching and set things in order in the church
 - False teaching and vain controversies
 - Qualifications of elders and deacons
 - Instructions for older men and women and for younger men and women
5. Outline of I Timothy. Fill in the titles using the answers provided, and choose a best verse.

Reference	Best Title	Best verse	Possible Answers
1:1-20			<i>Elders and Deacons</i>
2:1-15			<i>Initial Charge</i>
3:1-16			<i>Exhortation for personal godliness</i>
4:1-5			<i>Men and Women</i>
4:6-16			<i>Poor and Rich</i>
5:1-25			<i>False Teachers Described</i>
6:1-21			<i>Widows, Elders, and others</i>

6. Key Verses – Be prepared to identify them by chapter:
 - I Timothy 1:15-16
 - I Timothy 2:8-12
 - I Timothy 3:8-13
 - I Timothy 4:11-16
 - I Timothy 5:14-16
 - I Timothy 6:8-10
 - I Timothy 6:11-12

B. II Timothy

1. Author: Paul (II Tim. 1:1)
2. Readers: Timothy - *“My beloved child”* (II Tim. 1:2).
3. Time and Place of Writing: Between 65 and 67 A.D. during Paul’s final imprisonment
4. Purpose & Themes: Fatherly exhortation & instructions to Timothy as Paul approaches death
 - Preach the Word (Fulfill your mission)
 - Expect Opposition and Difficulties
 - Inspiration of scriptures

5. Outline of II Timothy. Fill in the titles using the answers provided and choose a best verse.

Reference	Best Title	Best verse	Possible Answers
1:1-18			<i>Images of Service</i>
2:1-26			<i>Continue in Faith</i>
3:1-9			<i>Do Not Afraid or Ashamed</i>
3:10-17			<i>Final Charge and Greetings</i>
4:1-22			<i>Perilous Times (Apostasy)</i>

6. Key Verses– Be prepared to identify them by chapter:

- II Timothy 1:12-13
- II Timothy 2:15
- II Timothy 2:22-26
- II Timothy 3:14-17
- II Timothy 4:7

C. Titus

1. Author: Paul (Titus 1:1)
2. Readers: Titus - “*my true child in a common faith*” (Titus 1:4). Titus was a co-worker of Paul (II Cor. 8:23 “*As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit*”) referenced frequently in II Corinthians (7:6-7, 13-14; 8:6, 16-23; 12:18) and Galatians (2:1-3). He was working in Crete when he received the letter (Titus 1:5).
3. Time of Writing: Between 63 and 65 A.D., after Paul’s first imprisonment
4. Purpose & Themes: Encouragement to Titus in his task of teaching sound doctrine
5. Outline of Titus. Fill in the titles using the answers provided, and choose a best verse.

Reference	Best Title	Best verse	Possible Answers
1:1-4			<i>Qualifications and Work of Elders</i>
1:5-16			<i>Introduction</i>
2:1-15			<i>Christian Relationships</i>
3:1-11			<i>Behavior of the Regenerated</i>
3:12-15			<i>Personal Instructions & Greetings</i>

6. Key Verses– Be prepared to identify them by chapter:

- Titus 1:5-9
- Titus 2:7-8
- Titus 2:11-14
- Titus 3:5-6