

1 Timothy Introduction

The book of 1 Timothy focuses on two major topics: the work of a minister and the work of a local church. Admittedly, we might often think of the work of a local church in terms of evangelism, edification, and benevolence — while that sort of structuring is helpful in some instances, there is much more depth to the work of a local church than what often comes to mind in that congregational trinity.

For ministers, the book of 1 Timothy lays down a framework for how to work and serve in new and difficult situations. While the scenarios around a preacher may change, what must not change is his dedication to the gospel, to the faith (1.3,18; 4.6).

For local churches, Paul instructs Timothy about their organization and their behavior. As circumstances permit, churches are to be overseen by skilled, proven men (3.1-7) and served by other skilled, proven men (3.8-13). These churches are to be honorable in their worship (2.1-12), dedicated to Christ (3.14-16), and marked by integrity in their dealings fellow-members (4.16-5.3).

Please read through the book once or twice and then answer the following prompts:

- 1) Where is Timothy and where was Paul?
- 2) Where did Paul and Timothy first interact?
- 3) What right did Paul have to charge or ask Timothy to do anything?
- 4) What theme would you give to the book?
- 5) What verse(s) seems to be central to understanding the book?
- 6) Mark, underline, highlight, or note the following terms used by Paul:
 - 1) The three trustworthy (palabra fiel) statements (I suggest YELLOW)
 - 2) In BLUE or a different format: Charge/ Instruct/ Command/ Prescribe
Instruyera/insrucción/comisión/manda/ordena/encargo/mando/enséñales (LBLA)
 - 3) In PINK/RED or a different format: “the faith” or “la fe” (LBLA)

- 7) Is there a passage that seemed especially difficult to understand? Make a note of it below and let Tyler know or email it to uococ1604@gmail.com

Suggested Outlines:

A Charge 1.1-20	Know These Things 1.1-20 Calling, Gospel, Yourself, Your Mission
The Assembly and Its Conduct Concerning Order 2.1-15 Concerning Office 3.1-14	The Life and Worship of the Church 2.1-3.13 Prayer, Women, Bishops, Deacons
The Minister and His Conduct To the general assembly 4.1-16 To particular classes 5.1-6.19	Wise Counsel for a Young Preacher 3.14-4.16 Mystery, Apostasy, Godliness, Urgent Appeal
Closing Appeal 6.20-21	A Church that Cares 5.1-6.2 Proper Treatment, Widows, Leaders, Self
	Sound Doctrine and Right Living 6.3-21 False Teachers, Love of \$\$, A Solemn Charge
(Adapted from J. Sidlow Baxter's <u>Explore the Book</u>)	(Adapted from Gary Demarast in <u>The Communicator's Commentary: 1 Timothy</u>)

Paul's Concern for Timothy — Chapter 1
Paul's Concern for the Church — Chapter 2
The Need for Strict Adherence to the Gospel — Chapters 4-6
Paul's Farewell — Chapter 6
(Adapted from Marshall Patton's <u>The Books of 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon</u>)