

# BOOK SURVEY

<b>Book</b>	<b>Chapters</b>
I Timothy	6
<b>1. Number of Times Read</b>	5
<b>2. Notes on Book</b>	
<b>Category</b>	Epistle (Letter)
<b>First Impressions</b>	Advice: This letter from a father to a son on how to succeed in the son's job.
<b>Key Words</b>	Doctrine (False vs. True) Shepherds/Overseers/Elders Deacons Widows Instruction
<b>Key Verse</b>	I Timothy 3:14-15  I am writing you these instructions so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household
<b>Literary Style</b>	A personal letter
<b>Emotional Tone</b>	Paul conveys a warm sense of affection for Timothy. This letter is very practical and not filled with a lot of theory.
<b>Main Theme(s)</b>	Live a pure life Leadership
<b>Structure</b>	This book is built around sets of instructions: Negative Instructions, Positive Instructions, and Personal Instructions.  Instructions about certain groups of peoples: those teaching false doctrine, young men, women, Shepherds, Deacons, Widows, and Slaves.
<b>Major People</b>	Timothy, Elders, Deacons Widows

### **3. Background of Book**

This historical relationship between Paul and Timothy is one of discipleship (see my Biographical Study on Paul). Timothy is first mentioned in Acts 16:1. His mother Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois, are mentioned in 2 Tim. 1:5. All that we know of his father is that he was a Greek, not a Jew (Acts 16:1). Paul's second visit to Lystra is when Timothy first connected with Paul (1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 3:11). Paul not only brought Timothy into the faith but he was Timothy's rabbi (Acts 16:3). Timothy stayed with Paul after he left Ephesus and went to Jerusalem and was most likely with him throughout his time in prison (Acts 23-28). We suspect this because Timothy was noted for coming to Paul's aid when Paul was in prison (Philippians 1:1, 2 Timothy 4:13).

This means that Paul left Timothy in Ephesus (see my Background Study on Ephesus) during Paul's fourth missionary journey that took place after the events in Acts 28.

Timothy's official position in the church was one of an evangelist (1 Timothy 4:14). According to church tradition he was loyal to Paul's wishes and stayed and worked in Ephesus until he finally suffered the Martyr's death himself.

### **Reference Books Used**

#### 4. Horizontal Chart

	Global (church-wide) instructions		Specific (groups, individuals) Instructions		
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3:1-13</b>	<b>3:14-4:16</b>	<b>5:1-6:2</b>	<b>6:3-20</b>
<i>Purposes</i>	<i>Instructions on Prayer</i>	<i>Instructions on Positions</i>	<i>Personal Instructions</i>	<i>Instructions about People</i>	<i>Instructions on what to Pursue</i>
Purpose of the Letter (1:3-7)	Who to pray for (2:1-2)	Qualifications of Elders (3:1-7)	Purpose of the instructions (3:14-16)	How to relate to all people (5:1-2)	Pursue right doctrine (6:3-5)
Purpose of the Law (1:8-11)	Why to pray (2:3-7)	Qualifications of Deacons (3:8-13)	Instructions about false teachers (4:1-10)	How to help widows (5:3-16)	Pursue godliness (6:6-10)
Purpose of the Lord (1:12-17)	How to pray (2:8-15)		Instructions on personal living (4:11-16)	How to manage Elders (5:17-20)	Pursue righteousness (6:10-16)
				How to handle self (5:21-24)	Pursue eternal rewards (6:17-18)
				What to teach slaves (6:1-2)	
<b>Trustworthy Saying</b> Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners		<b>Trustworthy Saying</b> If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer he desires a noble task	<b>Trustworthy Saying</b> We have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.	<b>For Scripture Says</b> "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,"  "The worker deserves his wages."	
		<b>Mystery of Godliness</b> He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.			

### Instructions by Group

	1	2	3	4	5	6
False Teachers	1:3-11			4:1-5		6:3-10
Young Men		2:8			5:1	
Old Men		2:8			5:1	
Young Women		2:9-14	3:11 (wife of Deacon)		5:2	
Old Women		2:9-14	3:11 (wife of Deacon)		5:2	
Elders			3:1-7		5:17-20	
Deacons			3:8-10 3:12			
Widows					5:3-16	
Slaves						6:1-2
Rich						6:17-19
Timothy	1:3 1:18-20	2:1		4:6-16	5:21-25	6:11-20

## 5. Tentative Outline of the Book

- I. Greeting (1:1-2)
- II. Instruction: Stop the False Teachers (1:3-11)
  - A. The Wrong use of the Law (i.e., the heresy) (1:3-7)
  - B. The Right Purpose of the Law (1:8-11)
- III. Paul's Experience of God's Grace (1:12-17)
- IV. Timothy's Charge (1:18-20)
- V. Instruction: Administration of the Church
  - A. Instructions on Public Worship (ch. 2)
    - 1. Concerning Prayer (2:1-7)
    - 2. Concerning Roles of Men and Women (2:8-15)
      - a) Men: Pray in a Holy Manner (2:8)
      - b) Women: Quiet Conduct (2:9-15)
  - B. Instructions on Church Leadership (3:1-13)
    - 1. Qualifications of Overseers (3:1-7)
    - 2. Qualifications of Deacons (3:8-13)
  - C. The Purpose of these Instructions (3:14-16)
  - D. Instructions on Dealing with False Teaching (ch. 4)
    - 1. False teaching described (4:1-5)
    - 2. Timothy's responsibilities (4:6-16)
  - E. Instructions on Dealing with Different Groups in the Church (5:1-6:2)
    - 1. Men and Women, Older and Younger (5:1-2)
    - 2. Widows (5:3-16)
      - a) Older Widows (5:3-10)
      - b) Younger Widows (5:11-16)
    - 3. Elders (5:15-25)
      - a) The Reward of Elders (5:17-18)
      - b) The Reputation of Elders (5:19-20)
      - c) The Recognition of Prospective Elders (5:21-25)
    - 4. Slaves (6:1-2)
- VI. Miscellaneous Matters (6:3-21)
  - A. False teachers (6:3-5)
  - B. Love of Money (6:6-10)
  - C. Charge to Timothy (6:11-16)
  - D. The Rich (6:17-19)
  - E. Conclusion (6:20-21)

## 6. Personal Application

I can remember dreaming with my brother that one day I would be an Elder at church where he is a pastor. I'm not sure that dream will ever materialize, but I would like to one day serve a church as an Overseer. Since I have "set my heart" on this "noble task," it is important to use the next 15+ years preparing myself for that task by ensuring that I meet the qualifications laid out in I Timothy 3.

- Above reproach
- Husband of one wife
- Temperate
- Self-controlled
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Able to Teach
- Not given to Drunkenness
- Not violent but gentle
- Not quarrelsome
- Not a lover of money
- Manage family well
- Not a recent convert
- Good reputation with outsiders

Of all of these, I need to work on the gentleness aspect first because I can be very heavy-handed and forceful with people.

For the next week when I become agitated with somebody, I will pause and pray that God will give me a gentle spirit and help my attitude be like that of Christ, who even though he was equal to God, did not see equality with God as something to be grasped.