

THE FIRST BOOK OF TIMOTHY

OT/NT: New Testament

SECTION: Letters of Paul (& Hebrews)

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: The Apostle Paul

KEY PEOPLE: Paul, Timothy.

SUMMARY: Canonically, the First Book of Timothy is the fifty-fourth book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the tenth of fourteen [Letters of Paul](#) (2) and the fifteenth book of the [New Testament](#) (3). Paul wrote this letter to offer [encouragement](#) (4) and leadership guidelines to a young pastor named Timothy at the church in Ephesus (a).

In 1 Timothy, we read a holistic vision of the nature and [Mission](#) (5) of the church. Many [bad teachers](#) (6) shared false theology that confused believers. Paul instructs Timothy on how to address these teachers and lead the church effectively. Throughout the book, we see that what a church believes will directly shape how its members live and behave.

The church's theology and beliefs must constantly be critiqued and formed by scriptures and the [good news](#) (7) about [Jesus Christ](#) (8). How the church is perceived in public is also very important. It should be known for its devotion to the risen King Jesus as it models integrity, good works and serving the poor and most vulnerable (b).

COMING UP: Next up is the Second Book of Timothy (9). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

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- (6) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/false-teachers>
- (7) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-good-news>
- (8) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>
- (9) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/2-timothy>

PAGE SOURCES:

- (a) <http://biblehub.com/summary/1-timothy/1.htm>
- (b) <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/1-timothy/>

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- (c) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/ambassador-in-chains>

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