



1 Timothy

Background

- 1 Timothy is the first of three "pastoral" letters from Paul to his young proteges.
- The Apostle Paul wrote this letter between his two imprisonments, sometime between 62-64 AD.
- Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, his son in the faith (1:2). Timothy was saved during Paul's ministry in Lystra (Acts 14), and became Paul's traveling companion and close friend (Acts 16).
- Timothy was known for: youth (4:12), high character (16:2), timidity (2 Tim. 1:7), physical weakness (5:23), pastoral care (Phil. 2:20), and loyalty to Paul (Phil. 2:22-23).

Roadmap

1. The Shepherd's Charge (1-2)

- A. Sound Doctrine (1)
- B. Scriptural Worship (2)

2. The Shepherd's Conduct (3-4)

- A. Guidelines for developing leaders (3)
- B. Guidelines for self-development (4)

3. The Shepherd's Care (5-6)

- A. Fair (5)
- B. Functional (6:1-2)
- C. Fearless (6:3-20)

Landmark

1 Timothy is wise counsel for Christian leaders. He encourages Timothy to challenge false teachers, recover true worship, and develop mature leaders. While challenging others, Timothy must take heed to his example.

Must See

Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh to be a ransom for all and mediator between God and man (3:16) (2:3-6).

Takeaways

1. Friendships move the needle of ministry more than anything else: Invest in them!
2. Young people can be greatly used of God - Influence and involve them.
3. The Bible gives clarity to the issues facing our homes, churches, and cultures: hold it up!
4. Integrity is the key to long-term influence: develop it!