

## The Half Hour That Changes the World

### 1 Timothy

Book 54

#### Basic Questions behind the book:

*How can we encourage the young people in church leadership today?*

#### Summary of book:

This letter is a personal letter and a handbook of church administration and discipline. The apostle Paul had been forced by circumstance to leave his work in Ephesus to Timothy, a talented but timid and inexperienced leader. Timothy was the son of a Greek father and a godly Jewish mother. He probably became a Christian during Paul's visit to Lystra (Turkey) around AD 49. Timothy was a quiet young man, but he was a faithful and effective minister and teacher.

This letter affirms Paul's relationship with Timothy. The letter holds many lessons. Paul's relationship with the young disciple - and the invaluable counsel and guidance to the young church leader; the way Timothy chooses to learn from somebody that is older in faith than he is; and the profound effect that Timothy's mother and grandmother had in his faith.

#### Vital Statistics:

Purpose: To give encouragement and instruction to Timothy, a young leader.

Author: Paul.

Recipients: Timothy, young church leaders, and all believers everywhere.

Dating: The date is believed to have been around AD 64 from Rome or Macedonia (possibly Philippi), probably just prior to Paul's final imprisonment in Rome.

Setting: Timothy was one of Paul's closest friends. Paul wrote to Timothy, who was leading the church in Ephesus, to offer practical advice about his ministry.

#### Jesus in Timothy

Jesus was truly incarnate, appearing in bodily form, and he died for our sins and rose again.

***“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” (4:12)***

***“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.” (6:12)***