



**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Third Quarter/ Eleventh of Thirteen Sundays

**BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

**New Testament #15**

**I TIMOTHY**

**Key Themes**

1. **False Teachers.** Paul instructs Timothy to command certain men not to teach false doctrines (1:3-11).
2. **Worship Instructions.** Instructions on proper worship in the church (2:8-15).
3. **Church Leader Qualifications.** Paul gives a list of attributes for church leaders (3:1-16).

**Author**

*The apostle Paul, written about AD 63, probably from Macedonia*

**Recipient**

Paul's disciple Timothy

**Interesting Facts about I Timothy**

1. The authenticity of 1-2 Timothy and Titus has been questioned by some scholars due to differences in style and theology with other letters of Paul. Yet there is not enough firm evidence to overthrow Paul's authorship.
2. Paul's list of qualifications for church leaders are often used for choosing church leaders today.
3. First Timothy 2:11-15 is the most controversial passage concerning the role of women in the church. The debate centers on whether Paul intended these statements for the first-century church at Ephesus or for all Christians everywhere.

**Who was Timothy?**

Timothy was a native of Lystra in the province of Galatia. Paul may have led Timothy to Christ on his first missionary journey. Paul considered Timothy to be his closest disciple, praising him for his deep and unselfish concern for others. Near the end of his life, Paul urged Timothy to come to him in prison (2 Tim. 4:9,21).

**MAY**

**BIRTHSTONE—  
 EMERALD** (a hard bright green mineral prized as a gem)

**FLOWER—  
 LILY OF THE  
 VALLEY** (has fragrant nodding bell-shaped white flowers)

**DO YOU  
 KNOW ANY  
 FAMOUS PEOP  
 LE BORN IN  
 THE MONTH  
 OF MAY?**

(WILLIE MAYS,  
 HARRY TRUMAN,  
 BING COSBY, JOE  
 NAMATH, MELISSA  
 GILBERT, IRVING  
 BERLIN, HENRY  
 FONDA, JOHN  
 WAYNE, JIM  
 THORPE, JOHN F.  
 KENNEDY)