

## TIMOTHY

1. Timothy was the son of a Greek father and Jewish mother (Ac 16:1). His mother Eunice and grandmother Lois were known for their sincere Christian faith (2 Ti 1:5). Timothy knew and believed the Old Testament Scriptures, thanks to his mother and grandmother (2 Ti 3:15).
  - a. **Ac 16:1** 1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek
  - b. **2 Ti 1:5** 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you [Timothy] as well.
  - c. **2 Ti 3:14-15** 14 But as for you [Timothy], continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Messiah Jesus.
  
2. Timothy was living at Lystra when Paul visited that city on his first missionary journey (Ac 16:1). Timothy's promise for the ministry was recognized early (1 Ti 1:18; 4:14; 2 Ti 4:5), and Paul took him on as a promising *protégé*.
  - a. **Ac 16:1** 1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.
  - b. **1 Ti 1:18** 18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare....
  - c. **1 Ti 4:14** 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.=
  - d. **2 Ti 4:5** 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
  
3. Paul became like a spiritual father to Timothy (Php 2:22; 1 Ti 1:2; 2 Ti 1:2) and took him on as a companion on his missionary journeys. Timothy and he became one of Paul's most trustworthy assistants (Ro 16:21; 1 Co 16:10; Php 2:19-22; 1 Th 3:2). Timothy became Paul's faithful representative and messenger (Ac 19:22; 1 Co 4:17; 2 Co 1:19; Php 2:19; 1 Th 3:2, 6), and six of Paul's epistles include Timothy in the salutations (2 Co 1:1; Php 1:1; Col 1:1; 1 Th 1:1; 2 Th 1:1; Phm 1).
  - a. **Ac 19:22** 22 And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, [Paul] himself stayed in Asia for a while.
  - b. **Ro 16:21** 21 Timothy, my co-worker, greets you....
  - c. **1 Co 4:17** 17 That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Messiah, as I teach them everywhere in every church
  - d. **1 Co 16:10-11** 10 When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. 11 So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.
  - e. **2 Co 1:1** 1 Paul, an apostle of Messiah Jesus by the desire of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth....

- f. **2 Co 1:19** 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Messiah, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus, Timothy, and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes.
  - g. **Php 1:1** 1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Messiah Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi....
  - h. **Php 2:19-22** 19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. 20 For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.
  - i. **Col 1:1** 1 Paul, an apostle of Messiah Jesus by the desire of God, and Timothy our brother....
  - j. **1 Th 1:1** 1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians....
  - k. **1 Th 3:2** 2 ...And we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Messiah, to establish and exhort you in your faith....
  - l. **1 Th 3:6** 6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you....
  - m. **2 Th 1:1** 1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians....
  - n. **1 Ti 1:2** 2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith....
  - o. **2 Ti 1:2** 2 To Timothy, my beloved child....
  - p. **Phm 1** 1 Paul, a prisoner for Messiah Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker....
4. When Paul was released from his first Roman imprisonment, Timothy joined him as he revisited churches in Asia, including Ephesus. On Paul's departure from Ephesus, he left Timothy behind to lead the Ephesian church through a very challenging time. From Macedonia Paul wrote a letter to Timothy (*1 Timothy*), urging him on in that ministry.
- a. **1 Ti 1:3** 3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine....
5. Timothy was by nature passive, timid, retiring, and easily intimidated (2 Ti 1:7). Thus Paul repeatedly spurred him into action (1 Ti 1:3; 4:11; 5:7; 6:2; 2 Ti 3:14; 4:2, 5). He was to let nothing, including his relative youth (1 Ti 4:12) stand in the way of his performance of duty (2 Ti 2:1-7; 4:5). Like a good soldier he was to "fight the good fight" (1 Ti 1:18; 6:12), courageously protecting and propagating the gospel, using the full range of his gifts (1 Ti 4:14; 2 Ti 1:6).
- a. **1 Ti 1:18** 18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare....
  - b. **1 Ti 4:11-14** 11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.
  - c. **1 Ti 5:7** 7 Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach.
  - d. **1 Ti 6:2** 2 Teach and urge these things.

- e. **1 Ti 6:12** 12 Fight the good fight of the faith.
  - f. **2 Ti 1:7** 7 ...For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power, love, and self-control.
  - g. **2 Ti 1:6** 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands....
  - h. **2 Ti 2:1-7** 1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Messiah Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Messiah Jesus. 4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, because his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.
  - i. **2 Ti 3:14** 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it....
  - j. **2 Ti 4:2** 2 Preach the word. Be ready in season and out of season. Reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.
  - k. **2 Ti 4:5** 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
6. Paul's last known letter was one to Timothy (*2 Timothy*). In it Paul appeals for Timothy to join him in the final days of his second Roman imprisonment (2 Ti 1:4; 4:9, 21). Paul will soon be executed.
- a. **2 Ti 1:4** 4 As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.
  - b. **2 Ti 4:9** 9 Do your best to come to me soon.
  - c. **2 Ti 4:21** 21 Do your best to come before winter

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