



INFLUENCERS

Sunday, May 25, 2025

TITLE: Timothy, My Son in the Faith

TEXT: Acts 16

CHOSEN

What we know about Timothy

- **Of Mixed Heritage:** _____ mother & grandmother, _____ father, grew up in Lystra (Asia Minor)
- **Highly Regarded:** Good reputation among the believers, a young man of integrity and good character
- **More than an _____:** Traveled with Paul, went on missions with Silas, pastored the church in Ephesus

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Paul met Timothy in the city of _____

Paul's First Missionary Journey

- The people of Lystra thought Barnabas Zeus and Paul was Hermes (Acts 14)
- Jewish opposition followed Paul, stoned him, and left him for dead.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey

- Jerusalem council (Acts 15) ruled that Gentiles did not have to become Jewish
- Paul and Barnabas split ways because they disagreed about John Mark
- Paul wanted Timothy to go with him; so he took him and _____ him because of the Jews who were in those places
 - **1 Corinthians 9:19-22** – I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some.
 - **Philippians 2:19-24** – For I have no one else like-minded who will genuinely care about your interests

TIMOTHY'S INFLUENCE

Timothy served in... Lystra, Derbe, Iconium, Asia Minor, Macedonia, Philippi, Berea, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Troas, Jerusalem, Ephesus, and more

Timothy 'co-authored' or 'co-signed'... Romans, 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, Philemon

Timothy written to / about... Acts, 1 Corinthians, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Hebrews

Paul & Timothy

Mentorship: _____ in the next generation; learn by _____; trust and mutual _____

Father / Son: "He is my dearly loved and faithful child in the Lord." (1 Cor. 4:17)

LEARNING FROM TIMOTHY

Develop your character and reputation while you are _____.

If Jesus suffered the cross for you, you can suffer pain for him, too.

Pastoring a church never gets easier, and no one is fully ready for it.

Find a _____ and become one for someone else.

See 1 Timothy 4:11-16, 6:12

According to Tradition, Timothy was killed by an angry mob in Ephesus for speaking against the worship of Artemis (~A.D. 97)

Proverbs 21:21 – Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

Matthew 6:33 – "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you."

John 13:15 – "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you."

GOING DEEPER | Study & Discussion Questions

1. In what ways was Timothy's mixed parentage a challenge? In what ways was it an advantage in spreading the Gospel?
2. What characteristics of Timothy stood out to Paul? How were Timothy and John Mark different? (see Acts 12:25, 13:13, & 15:36-41)
3. Who has been a mentor to you like Paul to Timothy? Who have you mentored? How is this kind of relationship mutually beneficial?
4. Timothy had a singular focus in life - spreading the Gospel through right living, service, and humble leadership. What is your singular focus? How do you accomplish it? In what ways can you be more like Timothy?

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