

## The Book of I Timothy – Paul's Helper

### I. Who was Timothy?—

- Timothy was a young man from Lystra.
- Acts 16:1-2 says Timothy was a **disciple**.
- He was **saved** during Paul's first visit to Lystra in Acts 14:8-20
- Whose father was a **Greek**
- His mother was **Eunice** was a Jewess
- Paul referred to both Eunice and his grandmother Lois as **women of "unfeigned faith."**
- Paul referred to Timothy as his "**own son in the faith**" in I Timothy 1:2
- Paul also called him his "**dearly beloved son**" in II Timothy 1:2
- In the book of Timothy, **Paul is writing to this young man who is now the pastor of the church at Ephesus** (I Timothy 1:3)
- In Acts 16:1-2, Timothy was a **disciple**
- Timothy's name means *dear* or **precious to God**.

### II. Timothy's **Dedication**—Acts 16:1-3 tells us something about this man, Timothy.

**First**, he was called a "disciple", meaning **learner**. Paul realized that this young man was very valuable because he was **teachable**.

**Second**, we find that he was "**well reported of by the brethren.**" In other words, he had a good **testimony** with the men of the church.

**Thirdly**, Timothy was **circumcised**.

### III. Timothy **worked** the work—In I Corinthians 16:10 Paul tells us that Timothy "**worketh the work of the Lord.**"

### IV. Timothy was a minister of God—In I Thessalonians 3:2

#### Quick Layout of Timothy's Ministry that we know of:

- **When Paul went on to Athens, Silas and Timothy stayed for some time at Berea and Thessalonica before joining Paul at Corinth.**
- **Timothy next appears in Acts during Paul's stay in Ephesus (54-57),**
- **In late 56 or early 57 Paul sent him forth to Macedonia with the aim that he would eventually arrive at Corinth.**
- **Timothy arrived at Corinth just after 1 Corinthians reached that city.**
- **The letter was not well received, and Timothy quickly returned to Ephesus to report this to Paul.**
- **Timothy was with Paul in Corinth during the winter of 57-58 when Paul dispatched his Letter to the Romans. (Romans 16:21)**
- **According to Acts 20:3-6, Timothy was with Paul in Macedonia just before Passover 58;**

- He left the city before Paul, going ahead of him to await Paul in Troas. (Acts 20:4-5)
- It's believed that In the year 64, Paul left Timothy at Ephesus, to govern that church.
- His relationship with Paul was close.
- Paul entrusted him with missions of great importance.
- Timothy's name appears as the co-author on II Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians and Philemon.
- Paul wrote to the Philippians about Timothy, "I have no one like him." (Philippians 2:19-23)
- When Paul was in prison and awaiting martyrdom, he summoned his faithful friend for a last farewell.<sup>[9]</sup>
- Timothy was jailed at least once during the period of the writing of the New Testament is implied by the writer of Hebrews mentioning Timothy's release at the end of the epistle.

Timothy mentioned in the Bible by name:

1. Paul's **brother** (II Corinthians 1:1)
2. Dearly **Beloved son** (II Timothy 1:2)
3. **Our** Brother (Philemon 1:1)
4. Our **Freed** Brother (Hebrews 13:23)

Key Verses: I Timothy 6:20-21

20 O Timothy, **keep that which is committed to thy trust**, avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace *be* with thee. Amen.

## Timothy

- I. **Prescription** to follow - The Faith of the Gospel is what it's All about
  - A. Avoid **False** Doctrine, Protect the Doctrine (How to Protect the Doctrine) (I Timothy 1:3-4)
    1. Stay Where God put you until God moves you (I Timothy 1:3a)
    2. Make sure they teach the right things (I Timothy 1:3b)
    3. Only deal with the facts not rumors (I Timothy 1:4)
  - B. Promote **Agape** Love (How to Promote Godly Love) (I Timothy 1:5)
    1. Have a pure heart (I Timothy 1:5b)
    2. Have a good conscience (I Timothy 1:5c)
    3. Have real Faith (I Timothy 1:5d)
  - C. Avidly **Follow** the Law (I Timothy 1:6-13)
    1. Lawlessness Described (I Timothy 1:6-9a)

2. Lawlessness Defined (I Timothy 1:9b-11)
3. Lawlessness Overcome (I Timothy 1:12-14)

D. Ardently **Save** Sinners (I Timothy 1:15-16)

E. Actively Follow **the faith** by Praising God (I Timothy 1:17-20)

II. Proper Behavior Ethics within the church (Important for our **testimony**) (I Timothy 2:1-15)

A. Pray for Those in **Authority** (I Timothy 2:1-2a)

1. Why? (I Timothy 2:2b-3)

- a. For peace in our lives (I Timothy 2:2b)
- b. Because it's good and acceptable to God (I Timothy 2:3)

2. What to pray... (I Timothy 2:4-8)

- a. Pray that they get saved (I Timothy 2:4a)
- b. Pray that they realize Who Truth is (I Timothy 2:4b)
- c. Pray that they accept Who God is (I Timothy 2:5-8)
  1. He's the One (I Timothy 2:5a)
  2. He's the Mediator (I Timothy 2:5b)
  3. He's the Ransom (I Timothy 2:6-8)

B. Proper **dress** vs. 9-10 (I Timothy 2:9-10)

1. Good attire promotes humility (I Timothy 2:9)
2. Good works proclaim Godliness (I Timothy 2:10)

C. Proper **behavior** (I Timothy 2: 11-15)

1. Mind your own (I Timothy 2:11-12)
2. Man Rebelled (I Timothy 2:13-14)
3. Woman has an escape (I Timothy 2:15)

III. Passionate qualities - Regulations for **leaders** in the Church (I Timothy 3:15-16)

A. The Pastor (I Timothy 3:1-7)

1. **Personal** Life (I Timothy 3:2-3)

- a. What to be in the personal life: (I Timothy 3:2)
- b. What not to be in the personal life: (I Timothy 3:3a-3d)
- c. Oh by the way ...Did I mention? (I Timothy 3:3e-3f)

2. **Home** Life (I Timothy 3:4-6)

- a. What to be at home (I Timothy 3:4a)
- b. How to be at home (I Timothy 3:4b-5)
- c. What not to be (I Timothy 3:6)

3. **Outside** life (I Timothy 3:7)

B. The Deacon (I Timothy 3:8-13)

1. **Personal** Life (I Timothy 3:8-10)

- a. What not to be in your personal life (I Timothy 3:8b-8c)
- b. What to be in your personal life (I Timothy 3:9)
- c. Oh by the way ... Don't be in a hurry! (I Timothy 3:10)

2. **Home** Life (I Timothy 3:11-12)

- a. The wife of a Deacon says much about the Deacon (I Timothy 3:11)
- b. One wife! (I Timothy 3:12a)
- c. The Home Guardian (I Timothy 3:12b)

3. **Outside** life (I Timothy 3:13)

C. Paul's Midstream Closing (I Timothy 3:14-16)

1. I wanna See You (I Timothy 3:14)

2. Our **behavior** in church matters (I Timothy 3:15)

3. The Great Debate (I Timothy 3:16)

- a. God was manifest(**visible**) in the flesh,
- b. Justified(to make **righteous**) in the Spirit,
- c. Seen of angels,
- d. Preached unto the Gentiles,
- e. Believed on in the world,
- f. Received up into glory.

IV. Personal Development - Avoid **False** Teaching

A. Spiritual Perversion - False Teaching Defined (I Timothy 4:1-4)

1. Departing Spirit (I Timothy 4:1a)

2. Deceitful spirit (I Timothy 4:1b)

3. Demonic Teachings (I Timothy 4:1c-2a)

4. Dried up Thinking (I Timothy 4:2b)

- a. Using **marriage** as a control over someone (I Timothy 4:3a)
- b. Using **food** as a control over someone (I Timothy 4:3b-4)

B. Spiritual **Godliness** required (I Timothy 4:5-16)

1. Learn It (I Timothy 4:5-6)

2. Live It (I Timothy 4:7-8)

3. Love it (I Timothy 4:9-10)

4. Laud it (I Timothy 4:11-12)

C. Spiritual **Longevity** (I Timothy 4:13-16)

V. Church - The Family Extension - **God's Plan for welfare and the church** (I Timothy 5)

A. **Honor** the Elders (I Timothy 5:1-2)

B. **Honor** Widows Carefully (I Timothy 5:3-10)

1. **Family** responsibility - Children or Grandchildren first (I Timothy 5:4)

2. **Facility** - Church Responsibility (I Timothy 5:5-8)

a. **Age** requirement - **60 years old** (I Timothy 5:9)

b. **Behavior** requirement (I Timothy 5:10)

C. Honest Explanation (I Timothy 5:11-25)

1. **The young** need to work to keep them out of trouble (I Timothy 5:11-15)

2. **The Family** cares for the widows before the church steps in (I Timothy 5:16)

3. General Church Care for **Elders** (I Timothy 5:17-25)

a. **Double** Honor (I Timothy 5:17-18)

b. In house **policing** (I Timothy 5:19-21)

c. **Control** yourself (I Timothy 5:22-25)

VI. Church family behavior outside in the world (I Timothy 6)

A. **Protect** - Protect each other (I Timothy 6:1-5)

1. Protect your **leaders** (**because they protect you**) (I Timothy 6:1-3)

2. Failure to do this means we are **proud** & ignorant (I Timothy 6:3-5)

- B. Proceed - Follow God (I Timothy 6:6-11)**
  - 1. Yields **increase** for us (I Timothy 6:6-7)
  - 2. Yields Strength (I Timothy 6:8)
  - 3. Failure Yields (I Timothy 6:9-11)
    - a. A Fall (I Timothy 6:9)
    - b. Many Sorrows (I Timothy 6:10-11)
- C. Press On - Fight for the Faith (I Timothy 6:12-16)**
  - 1. Give a Good Witness (I Timothy 6:12-13)
  - 2. Gives a View of eternity (I Timothy 6:14-16)
- D. Prefer - Stay Humble by Who God is (I Timothy 6:17-21)**