

1 Timothy 1:1-2

LESSON 02

Timothy, My Own Son

1. 1 Timothy 1:1 – Paul, an Apostle

- a. Paul's apostleship is important to establish his authority – Rom 11:13, 1 Cor 14:37
- b. There were other apostles besides the twelve – Acts 14:4,14, 1Cor 9:1-7, 12:28
 - i. *“as the apostles of Christ”* – 1 Thess 1:1, 2:7
- c. *“by the commandment of God”* – not by man's commandment – Gal 1:1
- d. The commandment started in Acts 9:15 and continued through 1 Tim 2:7
- e. Paul's apostleship was unique in that it laid a foundation – 1 Cor 3:10, Col 1:25
 - i. Timothy helped lay it, and now Timothy must continue the work w/o Paul

2. 1 Timothy 1:2 – Unto Timothy

- a. Acts 16:1-5 is where we learn about Timothy's divided family history
- b. His mother a Jewess, but his father a Greek – Tim did not have a godly father
- c. His mom and grandmother tried to raise him right - 2 Tim 1:5, 3:15
- d. *“my own son in the faith”* – He was saved by Paul's preaching – 2 Tim 3:10-11
- e. Paul was both Jew and Gentile (Roman), and so was Timothy (Jew and Greek)

3. Timothy's Circumcision

- a. Part of his initiation to Paul's ministry was his circumcision, but Gal 5:6,11, 6:15
- b. Paul circumcised Timothy because of the unbelieving Jews – Acts 16:3, why?
- c. Timothy was chosen by prophecy for his ministry – 1 Tim 1:18, 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6
- d. God's command extended through Paul to Tim by laying on of hands – 1Co 16:10
- e. Timothy's ministry to Jews required he be a Jew to the Jews – 1 Cor 9:20
- f. Titus was not compelled to be circumcised, and Paul defended him – Gal 2:3

4. Timothy's Faithfulness – 1 Cor 4:1-2

- a. He is called *“beloved son”, “dearly beloved”, “faithful in the Lord”, “man of God”, “workfellow”* (Ro 16:21), *“minister of God”* (1Thess 3:2), *“fellowlabourer”*
- b. He travels with Paul helping him write at least six epistles that are inspired.
- c. Timothy knew Paul's afflictions and faced them himself – 1Ti 5:23, 2 Tim 1:8, 3:11
 - i. He stayed behind in Berea when Paul left due to persecution – Acts 17:14-15
 - ii. He went ahead to warn, prepare, and report – 1 Thess 3:2, 6, Acts 19:22
- d. He knew Paul's ways so well that he was sent as Paul by proxy – 1 Cor 4:17
- e. Paul trusted him to do the work *“as I also do”* – 1 Cor 16:10-11
- f. Paul encouraged Timothy, but the son also encouraged the father – Acts 18:5
- g. Paul says of Timothy that he has *“no man likeminded”* – Phil 2:19-23