

Timothy's Lesson

Week of March 9 - 15, 2020

Introduction

The Apostle Paul was often in prison, but that did not stop his ministry. Paul trusted God to use him regardless of his circumstances. Even in jail, Paul knew God was still in control. Paul was ever encouraging those he knew and came in contact with. He was a promise maker, because Jesus was the promise keeper!

Lesson 2 Timothy 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, **2** To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. **4** Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. **5** I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

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. **7** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. **8** So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. **9** He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, **10** but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has

brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. **11** And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. **12** That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. **14** Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Questions

1. How do you find grace, mercy and peace? What do those words mean to you? In this passage, why does Paul pray them for Timothy?
2. Paul prays for Timothy often; Paul has a fondness for Timothy and reminds Timothy to not be fearful. Who in your life that encourages you in this way?
3. Are there things you should be doing but due to timidity, fear or worry, do not do? Does timidity stop you from sharing the Gospel message? Can you pinpoint what you fear?
4. God has called each one of us to a holy life. What does that mean? Do you know God's calling?
5. Paul states that we have been saved by grace, not by anything we have accomplished or done. How is the gift of grace still relevant today?

6. What are some dangers to your faith? What are things that might hinder you from completing God's work for your life? Are you convinced of God's presence in your life?

Prayer

Thank you for calling to me. Lord, God, forgive me when I am fearful. Forgive me when I forget to pray. Please help me to know your gift of grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.