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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-18

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul wrote this letter to Timothy. [1:1-2]
- ☐ Paul said he thanked God for Timothy and wanted to see him. [1:3-5]
- ☐ Paul encouraged Timothy not to be afraid but instead to share in the suffering for the gospel as Paul did. [1:6-14]
- ☐ Paul talked about those in Asia who turned away from him. [1:15]
- ☐ Paul prayed for God to bless Onesiphorus, who was helpful to Paul. [1:16-18]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Paul become an apostle of Christ? [1:1]
Paul became an apostle of Christ through the will of God.
2. Who did Paul write to, and how did Paul describe him? [1:2]
Paul wrote to Timothy, whom he described as his beloved child.
3. Since Timothy was not Paul's actual son, why do you think he called him "beloved child"? [1:2]
Perhaps Paul loved Timothy very much and thought of him as his child. Or, perhaps Paul helped Timothy become a Christian, so Paul considered him his spiritual child.
4. When Paul remembered Timothy in his prayers, what did Paul long to do? [1:4]
Paul longed to see Timothy.
5. Who else had genuine faith in Timothy's family before Timothy did? [1:5]
Timothy's grandmother and mother both had genuine faith.
6. What did Paul remind Timothy to do? [1:6]
Paul reminded Timothy to rekindle the gift of God which was in him.
7. What kind of spirit did God give them? [1:7]
God gave them a spirit of power, love, and discipline, not of fear.
8. What did Paul tell Timothy not to do? [1:8]
Paul told Timothy not to be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord nor of Paul.
9. What did Paul tell Timothy to do instead? [1:8]
Paul told Timothy to instead share in suffering for the gospel.

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10. Why do you think Timothy was told not to be ashamed of the testimony nor of Paul? [1:8]
Perhaps people mocked Timothy and his message because of the trials and suffering some Christians experienced, including Paul, who was in prison.
11. When was God's plan and grace given to believers? [1:9]
God established his plan and grace for believers before times ever began.
12. How did God reveal his plan of salvation? [1:10]
God's salvation was revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus.
13. When Jesus appeared, what did he do regarding death and life? [1:10]
Jesus destroyed death and brought life that never ends through the gospel.
14. To what was Paul appointed? [1:11]
Paul was appointed as a herald, an apostle, and a teacher.
15. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel, because he was convinced that God was able to do what for him? [1:12]
Paul was convinced that God was able to keep that which Paul had entrusted to him until that day.
16. What do you think Paul entrusted to God? [1:12]
Perhaps Paul spoke about his life or spirit. Despite the suffering Paul experienced, he trusted God with his life, and he knew God would save him on the day Jesus returned.
17. What was Timothy to do with the good thing God had committed to him? [1:14]
Timothy was to guard through the Holy Spirit the good thing God had committed to him.
18. Who turned away from Paul? [1:15]
All who lived in Asia, including Phygelus and Hermogenes turned away from Paul.
19. Why do you think all those in Asia abandoned Paul? [1:15]
Perhaps they were afraid that they would be put into prison also. Perhaps they were ashamed of Paul or despised him because of his suffering.
20. Why did Paul ask the Lord to grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus? [1:16-18]
Paul asked the Lord to grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus because Onesiphorus helped Paul in many ways.

Comment Section:

2:1-13

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul encouraged Timothy to be strong and to suffer hardship and continue working hard for Christ. [2:1-6]
- ☐ Paul reminded Timothy to think about Jesus, who was raised from the dead. [2:8]
- ☐ Paul said he was suffering for the Gospel, and he endured all things so that the chosen may be saved. [2:9-10]
- ☐ Paul gave a trustworthy statement about the relationship between Christ and Christians. [2:11-13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul urge Timothy to be? [2:1]
Paul urged Timothy to be strengthened in the grace that was in Christ Jesus.
2. To whom was Timothy to entrust the message Paul taught him? [2:2]
Timothy was to entrust the message to faithful people who would be able to teach others also.
3. Paul told Timothy to do what as a good soldier of Christ? [2:3]
Paul told Timothy to suffer hardship with him as a good soldier of Christ.
4. What three types of people did Paul use as an illustration for Timothy? [2:4-6]
A soldier, athlete, and farmer were used as an illustration.
5. Who was Christ descended from? [2:8]
Christ was descended from David.
6. Why was Paul in prison? [2:8-9]
Paul was in prison for preaching the gospel.
7. What did Paul say was not bound? [2:9]
God's word was not bound.
8. Why did Paul endure all things? [2:10]
Paul endured all things so that those who were chosen would obtain salvation in Christ Jesus.
9. Who do you think Paul spoke about in 2:11-13 when he said, "him" and "he"?
Paul spoke about Christ Jesus.
10. What was Christ's promise to those who endure? [2:12]
Those who endured would reign with Christ.

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11. What happened if people were unfaithful to Christ? [2:13]
Christ remained faithful for he cannot deny himself.

Comment Section:

2:14-26

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul warned Timothy about profane and empty talk which led to more godlessness. [2:14-17]
- ☐ Paul talked about two men who went astray and who taught that the final resurrection already happened, destroying some people's faith. [2:17-18]
- ☐ Paul used an illustration of different kinds of containers which had honorable or dishonorable uses. [2:20-21]
- ☐ Paul told Timothy to pursue righteousness, avoid quarrels, and correct opponents with gentleness. [2:22-26]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What command did Paul tell Timothy to give believers? [2:14]
Paul told Timothy to command believers not to quarrel over words, because it was of no value and harmful to those who listened.
2. How Timothy was to present himself before God? [2:15]
Timothy was to present himself before God as one approved, a laborer with no reason to be ashamed and who taught the word accurately.
3. Profane and empty talk lead to what? [2:16]
It leads to more and more godlessness.
4. What false doctrine did Hymenaeus and Philetus teach, and what was the result of that teaching? [2:17]
They taught that the resurrection had already happened, which destroyed the faith of some.
5. What did Paul say continued to stand? [2:19]
The firm foundation of God.
6. What did Paul say happened to someone who cleaned himself from dishonorable use? [2:20-21]
He was an honorable container. He was set apart, useful to the Master, and prepared for every good work.
7. What did Paul tell the believers they should pursue? [2:22]
Paul told the believers to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who called on the Lord out of a clean heart.
8. What do you think it means to call on the Lord out of a clean heart? [2:22]
Perhaps it means to be sincere when praying to God or asking him for something. This was different from false teachers who tried to appear godly or wanted to gain money or power.
9. What did Paul say about how the Lord's servant was to correct his opponents? [2:24-25]
Paul said the Lord's servant must be gentle when correcting his opponents.

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10. What did Paul hope might happen if opponents were corrected with gentleness? [2:25-26]

Paul hoped God would change their hearts, and they would repent and stop their evil ways.

Comment Section:

3:1-17

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul warned that the last days will be difficult because people will be very sinful, and some will be false teachers. [3:1-9]
- ☐ Paul spoke about enduring hardship and warned believers about persecution. [3:10-13]
- ☐ Paul encouraged Timothy to remain in the things he had learned and believed from the sacred writings. [3:14-15]
- ☐ All scripture is inspired and good for teaching and correcting. [3:16-17]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul tell Timothy about the last days? [3:1]
There will be difficult times in the last days.
2. What three things did Paul say about what people will love instead of God in the last days? [3:2-4]
In the last days, people will love themselves, love money, and love pleasure instead of God.
3. What did Paul tell Timothy to do with those who had only a form of godliness but denied its power? [3:5]
Paul told Timothy to turn away from them.
4. What do you think it meant to turn away from someone? [3:5]
Perhaps it meant to reject them and to not have friendship with them.
5. What did some of these ungodly men do? [3:6-7]
Some of these ungodly men entered households and captivated women who were led away by various desires.
6. What did Paul say about the false teachers like Jannes and Jambres who stood against the truth? [3:8-9]
They were corrupt in mind and with regard to faith they were rejected. They would not advance very far, for their foolishness would be obvious to all.
7. What did Paul say about Timothy in 3:10-11?
Paul said that Timothy followed Paul's teachings, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, suffering, and what happened to him at Antioch.
8. What did Paul say about all those who want to live in a godly manner? [3:12]
Paul said that all those who want to live in a godly manner will be persecuted.
9. What did Paul say about evil people and impostors? [3:13]
Paul said they will go from bad to worse, lead others astray, and will be led astray themselves.

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10. How long has Timothy known the sacred writings? [3:15]

Timothy knew the sacred writings from childhood.

11. What did Paul say about scripture? [3:16]

All scripture is inspired by God. It is profitable for doctrine, conviction, correction, and training in righteousness.

12. What was the purpose of training a person in the Scriptures? [3:16-17]

A person was trained in the Scriptures so that he was competent and equipped for every good work.

Comment Section:

4:1-8

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul commanded Timothy to preach the word and correct people with patience. [4:1-2]
- ☐ Paul warned about a time when people will turn away and no longer listen to true teachings. [4:3-4]
- ☐ Paul said he was at the end of his race and God had a crown of righteousness for him. [4:5-8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who will Jesus judge? [4:1]
Jesus Christ will judge the living and the dead.
2. What did Paul command Timothy to do in 4:2?
Paul commanded Timothy to preach the word.
3. What did Paul say about sound teaching in 4:3-4?
Paul said that the time will come when people will not endure sound teaching. Instead, they will listen to teachings that agree with their own desires.
4. What work did Paul tell Timothy to do in 4:5?
Paul told Timothy to be sober minded, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist. and fulfill his ministry.
5. What did Paul say about his departure? [4:6]
Paul said the time of his departure had come.
6. What do you think Paul meant by his departure? [4:6]
Paul meant it was time for him to die. He was about to leave this life and go to the next life.
7. What did Paul say was reserved for him? [4:8]
The crown of righteousness was reserved for him.
8. Who else did Paul say will receive this crown? [4:8]
All those who have loved the Lord's appearing will also receive the crown.

Comment Section:

4:9-22

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul urged Timothy to come to him quickly because everyone else had left him except Luke. [4:9-12]
- ☐ Paul warned Timothy to be on guard against one of their opponents. [4:14-15]
- ☐ Paul said that God was with him, though everyone else left him. [4:16-18]
- ☐ Paul gave his final greetings and blessings to end the letter. [4:19-22]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Paul's companion, Demas, leave him? [4:10]
Demas left Paul because he loved this present world.
2. Who was the only companion of Paul to still be with him? [4:11]
Only Luke was still with Paul.
3. What did Paul ask Timothy to bring when he came to Paul? [2:13]
Paul told Timothy to bring the cloak, the books, and especially the parchments.
4. How will the Lord repay Alexander? [4:14]
The Lord will repay him according to his deeds.
5. What did Paul say happened at his first defense? [4:16]
Paul said that no one stood with him, but that everyone left him.
6. What did the Lord do for Paul in 4:17?
The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him.
7. For what will the Lord save Paul? [4:18]
The Lord will save Paul for his heavenly kingdom.
8. What instruction did Paul give Timothy in 4:21?
Paul instructed Timothy to do his best to come before winter.

Comment Section: