

# **TIMOTHY**

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**Do you ever get afraid, shy, fearful of people & situations?  
What causes the most fear in you?  
Have you learned how to have victory over it?**

Some pastors so courageous, outgoing, nothing stops them  
Others quiet, shy, fearful, introverts, seem wrong for ministry,  
MY NAME IS TIMOTHY **Have you ever heard of me?**

## **I. BACKGROUND**

FATHER: unsaved Greek

MOTHER: Godly Jew - Eunice

GRANDMOTHER: Godly Jew - Lois

“Timothy” = “honored of God” - shows:

Father not anti-God, let Eunice use name “Timothy,

**Any of You not have a godly father to help you grow**

Hometown: LYSTRA

CHILDHOOD: good Jew upbringing, taught OT **|| Tim 1:5; 3:15**

**1 MJ Paul led Tim, Lois & Eunice (mo) to salv Acts 14:6-19**  
stay at their home (hospitable, well to do)  
Paul recover from stoning?

## **RELATIONSHIP WITH PAUL**

Paul ‘adopted’ him, -spiritual father & mentor (Phil 2:22)

Shy, fearful, insecure (opposite of Paul)

## **INFLUENCE OF FATHER UPON BOYS**

**Timothy’s father not involved in life (for whatever reason)**

**Boy needs from father: Correct view of what a man is**

**PHYSICALLY** weak constitution, frail

**EMOTIONALLY** weak, fearful, shy, insecure (opp of Paul)

## II. TRAINING

### A. TRAVELING WITH PAUL

2 MJ when Tim left with Paul = 50 AD 16-25 yrs old

Ordained when traveled with Paul on 2MJ = 51 AD

I Timothy written (29 yrs old) = 64 AD

II Timothy written (31 yrs old) = 66 AD

### B. SPIRITUALITY

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS** good rep among Christians Acts 16:2

church leader (Ephesus, etc)

evangelist II Tim 4:5) - church planter and growth

deep spiritual commitment

### C. PERSONALITY

timid, fearful, stomach problems (1 Cor 16:10-11)

OVERLY SENSITIVE, young, shy, sensitive

### CHURCH PROBLEMS TIMOTHY FACED

WOMEN getting out of place, bossy I Tim 2:11-15

DISORDER in church among people I Tim 3:14-15

SIN TO CORRECT in lives of some I Tim 4:6

PERSONAL CRITICISM for age, shyness, etc I Tim 4:12-16

GOSSIP and criticism of leaders rampant I Tim 5:19

POWER STRUGGLES among people in church I Tim 5:21-22

GOSSIP ABOUT TIMOTHY: IMMATURE, ETC I Tim 6:11-14

WANT TO QUIT, LEAVE Ephesus

Result: stomach problems from stress, nerves I Tim 5:23

Paul encourages him to not be fearful, timid (2 Tim 1:6)

FEAR big problem for men always (hide it)

**Saul: insecure, AB ISAAC call Saran sister**

**Gideon: Judges 6 10 SPIES in land**

POWER: authority from God alone, fear from flesh/Satan

LOVE: only real antidote to fear *Perfect love casts fear.*

SELF-DISCIPLINE: go by mind, not emotions

Not a person anywhere ever who doesn't battle FEAR  
different fears, shown in different ways

pastors: fear of failure (all men ... everyone)

ALL have it because sin separates us from God

something missing, only found in God

**GOOD FEAR** motivate to do right (like guilt, anger, etc)

**SINFUL FEAR** Circumstances, Loss of control, Criticism

### **FEAR FLEES FROM THE CROSS**

Doesn't come from God: II Timothy 1:7

If believe God is in charge/control, then nothing to fear!

Satan causes, uses fear – gives access to demonic

## **III. MINISTRY**

**Sent from Berea to Thess Acts 17:14; I Thes 3:2**

MENTORING Silas & Timothy

**With Silas, joined Paul at Corinth Acts 18;5; I Thes 3:6**

**With Paul at Corinth I Thes 1:1; II Thes 1:1**

**Sent to Thessalonica to strengthen their faith I Thes 3:2**

First time Tim mentioned on his own

**With Paul at Ephesus Acts 19:22**

Jesus-Paul-Timothy-Erastus-other---me

**Sent to Macedonia & Corinth I Cor 4:17; 16:10**

**With Paul in Macedonia II Cor 1:1**

**With Paul in Corinth Rom 16:21 2 Cor 1:19**

**Went with Paul from Corinth to Asia Minor Acts 20:4**

GROUP GROWING - Tim one of leaders, mentoring **With Paul in**

**Rome #1 Col 1:1; Philem 1; Phil 1:1**

**Paul wanted to sent him to Philippi Phil 2:19**

**Left in charge of church in Ephesus I Tim (64 AD, 13 yrs)**

TOUGH church - strong women, weak men, worldly people,

**How many of you ever have gotten discouraged?**

**Does it happen often? discouraged now?**

## CONDITIONS PRODUCING DISCOURAGEMENT

1. **FATIGUE** tired, worn out, not eat, sleep, exercise right
2. **PRESSURE** to grow church, etc.
3. **LACK OF RESULTS** no new people, growth, maturity, etc.
4. **FAMILY PROBLEMS** Difficulties with children, mate
5. **SIN IN LIFE** Something defeating you can't get victory over

SOLUTION: stay faithful, keep eyes on God **1 Tim 1:18-19**

**Went to join Paul in Rome (Prison #2) (66 AD) 31 yrs old**

PAUL'S ADVICE: **2 Tim 4:2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.**

"CORRECT, REBUKE" = those wrong - even elders, women  
"ENCOURAGE" = those right - hard in a different way

## IV. END OF LIFE

**Continued to minister in Ephesus until martyred**

### TIMOTHY'S SERVICE

**1. HE HAD A SERVANT HEART** (willing to serve, not be served Acts 19:22)

**2. HE WAS AVAILABLE** (for years willing to go where God wanted Acts 20:4)

**3. HE WAS TEACHABLE** (hunger & thirst to learn all he could from Paul 2 Tim 3:10-11)

**4. HE WAS LIKE-MINDED** (shared Paul's goals and motives, faithfully reproduced Paul & God's will and desire Phil 2:19-20)

**5. HE WAS FAITHFUL** (not just knew Paul's teachings & goal, but put into practice 1 Cor 4:17)

**6. HE WAS A REPRODUCER** (patterned own life after Paul, trained others to do same 2 Tim 2:2; 1 Thes 3:2)

## **SUMMARY OF MINISTRY**

traveling from one problem area to another  
friendship to Paul most important (closest friend, loved most)

**DEATH:** martyred under Domitian or Nerva (97AD) 62 yrs old

**How do you handle the fears you face?**  
**How do you get victory over discouragement?**

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

THOSE HERE who are struggling with FEAR  
DISCOURAGED