

ENDURANCE TO *Win* THE PRIZE

A STUDY OF 2 TIMOTHY



I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

— 2 TIMOTHY 4:7 —

Two Letters, Two Purposes

1 TIMOTHY

A church manual. Paul's focus is church order and rooting out false teachers (13:14–15): "so that... you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household."

2 TIMOTHY

Intensely personal — Paul's last will and testament, "written not merely in ink but in Paul's life blood" (Calvin). His charge to Timothy: **persevere**, fan into flame the gift of God, preach the Word.

2 Timothy 1:1–7

Paul's Personal Charge to Timothy

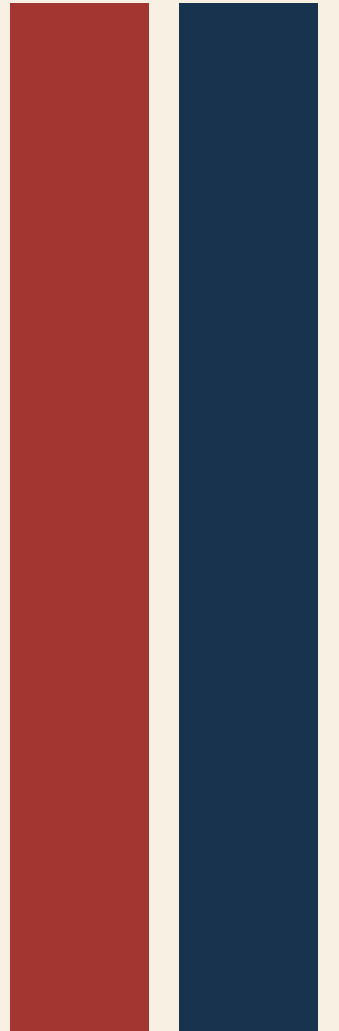


Establishing Apostolic Authority

*Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus —
2 Timothy 1:1*

Why is this important?

It gives **divine weight** to his urgent message. He establishes himself firmly as a spokesman chosen directly by Christ, compelling the church to listen.



Sent by the Will of God

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The messenger's reliability matters. Paul's authority rests on God's will, not his own credentials (Guthrie).

**Think of his
conversion
on the road
to
Damascus**

The Divine Order

01

An Apostle of Christ Jesus

Paul, the earthly messenger, by God's intervention.

02

By the will of God

God the Father grants power and authority to Paul's words.

03

The Promise of life in Jesus

The will of God uniquely binds the earthly messenger to the promise of life in Christ—the sole mediator and giver of life.

Paul, A Father to the Faith

TIMOTHY, A BELOVED SON

A most valuable blessing for
his timid son. Approval.
Affirmation. Intimacy

— P. H. Towner

**GRACE
MERCY
PEACE**

Verses 3–4

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Paul recalls Timothy's tears as he prays night and day, longing to see him (1:3–4). Our memories can become the raw material of prayer — the Spirit shapes them into fresh supplication.

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

Paul serves with a clear conscience (1:3). Chained in a dungeon awaiting execution, he surveys a hard life and finds no unresolved guilt — not sinless, but blameless and faithful.

— R.K. Hughes.

Paul thanked God for the young, fearful, shy Timothy! Why? Because God had made him **who he was** and because God was at work in Timothy to make him adequate for ministry

R. K. HUGHES



Speak words of life, of love, and of
encouragement. Share them now!
Do not put off for a future time because
that time might never happen.

Lois, Eunice, and Timothy

HERITAGE OF SINCERE FAITH

Their faith was sincere — without a mask, without hypocrisy — Timothy was taught Scripture from infancy, even in a spiritually divided home (Acts 16).

**THREE
GENERATIONS OF
FAITH**

Don't be afraid that your kids do not
listen, be afraid that they are
watching.

Swindoll's Applications

01 **Audit Your “Mask”**

Is the faith your family sees at home the same faith others see on Sunday?

02 **Start the “Sacred Writings” Early**

Find age-appropriate ways to get Scripture into young hearts and hands today.

03 **Encourage the “Eunices” Around You**

Remind a woman raising children in a hard place that her influence is powerful.

04 **Identify Your Spiritual Heritage**

Thank the influential women in your life

VERSES 6–7

Fan Into Flame

The embers are there. Fan them, give them air. Allow God's gifts of power, love and discipline be evident in you. Let the Holy Spirit work in you and stir the fire.