

A Silent Teacher Acts 16:1-3

Though nothing he taught is recorded, Timothy is a very powerful teacher, even today, through his example. Consider 4 characteristics likely caused Paul devotion *Philippians 2:19-23*

Timothy's Knowledge and Diligent Study

Initiated by his grandmother Lois, and mother, Eunice.

2Timothy 1:5 *For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.*

Godly women who understood the importance of

Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

He was taught from early childhood.

2Timothy 3:14-15 *You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

Admonished to diligent study even with his early training.

2Timothy 2:15 *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.*

Are we following Timothy's example in diligent study of the Bible? Are we approved by God by study or stopped, hoping know enough?

Timothy, Preached The Gospel

Used scriptural knowledge embark life's greatest challenges **2Timothy 4:1-5**

Heeded admonition, sacrificed time & own will to do Father's will.

Whether public or private, we need to follow Timothy's example.

Jude 3 *Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.*

Do we contend for faith by teaching others? Are we turning away because lack interest in cause of Christ?

Timothy, The Faithful Servant

Type of servant we should be *Philippians 2:19-23; Romans 6:16-23 (Slaves!)*

1Corinthians 16:10 *Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid, for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am.*

1Thessalonians 3:2 *and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith,*

Took advantage of example & counsel of Paul to obtain a stronger faith.

1Timothy 1:2 *To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Followed Paul's teaching, love, and perseverance.

2Timothy 3:10-11 *Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!*

Are committed to being faithful servants of Jesus daily? Do our faithful actions stand on own merit?

Timothy's Courage

Faith was strong but was tested (two ways on this trip).

2Timothy 4:21 *Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.*

Timothy would probably witness Paul's imminent death. Any execution hard, but this was close friend & "father in the faith". Paul brought gospel to Timothy and trained as preacher.

Going to Rome, would put his own life at risk. Christians being persecuted and Rome was central reason.

Associate of Paul could mean imprisonment or death. Other Christians forsaken Paul for this reason.

2Timothy 1:15 *You are aware of the fact that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.*

2Timothy 4:16 *At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.*

No evidence he went to Rome, but previous demonstrations of courage during Paul's journeys, it is reasonable to assume he kept the faith.

Hebrews 13:23 *Take notice that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom, if he comes soon, I will see you.*

Is our faith built to the point where we would have made that journey to Rome under similar circumstances?

Would we continue to be faithful for the cause of Christ if it would cost us our life?

Bible names many faithful people after whom we could pattern our lives

We have no known words recorded uttered by Timothy.

His record - diligent study & dedication to teaching, faithful service & strong courage serves excellent example.

Strive to be diligent servants like Timothy, be faithful unto death.

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