

Timothy (2)

Memory Verse: *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others (2 Tim. 2:2 NIV).*

Background Helps:

This lesson is the second on Paul's dear "son in the faith" and beloved and loyal coworker, Timothy. In the first lesson we covered Timothy and his association with Paul during the period of Paul's second and third missionary journeys and his first Roman imprisonment and after Paul's release from this first imprisonment. Now we consider Paul's second letter to Timothy, written during Paul's second Roman imprisonment. Below is a review of the information on Timothy found in the New Testament:

- Timothy's family background: 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15; Acts 16:1
- Timothy's conversion: Acts 14:6-23; 16:1; 2 Timothy 3:10-12; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Timothy 1:2, 18; 6:12; 2 Timothy 1:2
- Timothy's call to service (replacing John Mark on Paul's missionary team): Acts 16:2-3; 1 Timothy 1:18; 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6
- Timothy's missionary service in association with Paul:
 - On his 2nd missionary journey: Acts 17:13-15; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2:17-3:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:1; Acts 18:5; 2 Corinthians 1:19
 - On his 3rd missionary journey: Acts 19:22; 20:4; Romans 16:21; 1 Corinthians 1:1; 4:17; 2 Corinthians 1:1
 - During Paul's 1st Roman imprisonment: Philippians 1:1; 2:19-23; Colossians 1:1; Philemon 1:1
 - Between Paul's two Roman imprisonments: 1 Timothy (whole book)
 - Paul's second Roman imprisonment: 2 Timothy (whole book)

Lesson Helps:

Two lesson alternatives:

1. My aim is to teach my students about Paul's mentoring influence on Timothy's life, so that they will seek mentoring relationships in their own lives. This lesson is built around the memory verse, 2 Timothy 2:2. Notice that Paul mentored Timothy and is now urging Timothy to mentor others. Observe throughout Paul's final letter to Timothy how he continues this mentoring process with this faithful coworker and how he instructs Timothy in the work of mentoring others.
2. My aim is to teach my students about the influence of Timothy's mother and grandmother on his early life, so that they will wholeheartedly receive Christian training from their own parents and grand-parents. Based on 2 Timothy 1:5 and 3:14-17, this lesson is geared toward children. You might glance at the description of the last days in 2 Timothy 3:1-13 and show your young students how it is the

example of godly parents and grand-parents (2 Tim. 1:5) and their training from the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:14-17) that will help these young people, in the midst of such days, to live a life that pleases God and positively influences others.

Assignment:

-  Read about Eve (Prominent Women of the Bible)
-  Memorize Genesis 2:18.