



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

THE BOOK OF SECOND TIMOTHY CHAPTERS 1,2 AND 4! (PART I)

The Apostle Paul wrote the books of Timothy I and II.

The positive characteristics I feel about Paul's life are numerous:

The following traits of his life and his anointing included at least these below and many more:

He loved people (Gentiles and 'heathen') for the Gospel.

Once he 'won' a person to Christ he loved them always and prayed frequently for them and earnestly. He never gave up on them spiritually unless they truly fell away and forsook God.

He cherished personal relationships with other like minded soldiers or potential soldiers for the Lord.

He was willing to make any sacrifice for Jesus Christ and endure any persecution and high levels of discomfort and death itself.

He was eager to see his flock again and again as long as God willed.

He was single and knew that was the best pathway for him to produce the most fruit for Christ.

He was bold and unafraid of people and knew his place in God, a person who had already overcome the world just like his Saviour.

He was not afraid to correct or rebuke other people or churches if they were not following the standard of the Word of God.

Well, these are just a few points that come into my mind as I begin this article. You may be able to think of many more. Here is the book of 2Timothy and especially chapters 1, 2 and 4, we see some great lessons.

Today we are looking at chapter 1, with some comments or bold text I hope that are a blessing! I am using the Amplified Bible today.

2 Timothy 1 verses 1-7

1 Paul, an apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, [my] beloved child: Grace (favour and spiritual blessing), mercy,

and [heart] peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord!

3 I thank God Whom I worship with a pure conscience, in the spirit of my fathers, when without ceasing I remember you night and day in my prayers,

4 And when, as I recall your tears, I yearn to see you so that I may be filled with joy. Paul is always moved by the sincerity and purity of other people's faith!

5 I am calling up memories of your sincere and unqualified faith (the leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), **[a faith] that first lived permanently in [the heart of] your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am [fully] persuaded, [dwells] in you also.**

It seems Timothy's mother and grandmother preceded Timothy in the faith. We are not told how long they had been believers. Today there are many believers in Jesus Christ who are 'in the faith' for many generations, seeing their great great etc grandparents were believers. There can be enormous benefits if your family tree is filled with strong

Christian people, as that my have allowed you to grow up already in the faith and nurture and admonition of the Lord. However it can have its pitfalls too. I am just a first generation Christian, having gotten saved when I was 17, so my children are now second generation Christians, and their children, by the grace of God will be 3rd generations.

6 That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of,



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fan the flame of, and keep burning) the **[gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands with those of the elders at your ordination]**. Because of Timothy being at least a 3rd Generation Christian, Paul reminds him to remember also the gift that God gave him, the Holy Spirit and also the inner fire at his 'ordination'. We may have been given the fire from God at one point, but it is our job to stir it up and keep it burning well. The 'laying on of hands' is a vital part of imparting many spiritual gifts, including healing.

7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but **[He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced**

mind and discipline and self-control. This is one of my favourite Bible verses. Any time we lack these fruits, we should hasten to ask the Lord to rekindle them in us. If we lack them then somehow we have forfeited some part of our spiritual life to the enemy.

2 Timothy 1: 8-9

8 Do not blush or be ashamed then, to testify to and for our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for His sake, but with me, take your share of the suffering [to which the preaching] of the Gospel [may expose you, and do it] in the power of God. Paul also expected Timothy to embrace suffering for the cause of the Gospel.

9 [For it is He] Who delivered and saved us and called us with a **calling in itself holy and leading to holiness [to a life of consecration, a vocation of holiness];** [He did it] not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of and to further His own purpose and grace (unmerited favour) which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago]. **Everything we get from God is free and by grace. We are now called to a life of consecration and a vocation of holiness! Wow! That should make us all feel so blessed, and responsible!**

2 Timothy 1 verses 10-12

10 [It is that purpose and grace] which He now has made known and has **fully disclosed **and made real [to us] through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, Who annulled death and made it of no effect and brought life and immortality (immunity**

from eternal death) to light through the Gospel. *The purpose and grace of God came at the 'fulness of times' only through Jesus!*

11 For [the proclaiming of] this [Gospel] I was appointed a **herald** (preacher) and an **apostle** (special messenger) and a **teacher** of the Gentiles. *God gave Paul three jobs here we can see clearly.*

12 And this is why I am suffering as I do. Still I am not ashamed,

you are suffering when you simply start doing the jobs God has called you to do. You will be suffering or being persecuted or experiencing all kinds of spiritual and physical attacks through the human and demonic system.

for I know (perceive, have knowledge of, and am acquainted with) Him Whom I have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on), and I am [positively] persuaded that He is able to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me and which I have committed [to Him] until that day.

One of the greatest verses in the epistles, as we should know! Please meditate on this. How are you doing with the truth of this verse?

2 Timothy 1 verses 13-15

13 Hold fast and follow the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching which you have heard from me, in **[all] the faith and love which are [for us] in Christ Jesus.**

14 Guard and keep **[with the greatest care]** the

precious and excellently adapted [Truth] which has been entrusted [to you], by the [help of the] **Holy Spirit Who makes His home in us.**

15 You already know that all who are in Asia turned away and forsook me, Phygelus and Hermogenes among them.

Paul now exhorts Timothy to 'hold fast.

We really have to 'hold fast' and 'guard and keep with the greatest care' the Word and the Truth of it—especially in these days! The Holy Spirit makes his home in us, how wonderful.

Paul experienced a great forsaking of some of of the

kindness and ministered to my needs [comforting and reviving and **bracing me like fresh air**]! He was not ashamed of my chains and imprisonment [for Christ's sake].

17 No, rather when he reached Rome, he searched diligently and eagerly for me and found me.

18 May the Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord on that [great] day! And you know how many things he did for me and what a help he was at Ephesus [you know better than I can tell you].

I feel I could write 20 pages about dear Onesiphorus, but today, a few paragraphs will

truly and more fully in them?

Can you be their friend even if they have been slanderously accused of something they were not guilty of, like in this example?

They may be old now, or in poor health, they may at the prime of life, or they even may be young and just starting out for God. Be an Onesiphorus to them, if you can't just yet be a Paul, and you will reap a great, humongous reward along with the apostle, the genuine missionary. Praise the Lord.



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people perhaps he had high hopes for. If you read the life stories of many great men and women of God you will always find the same things. You should not worry about this, God will send you a Timothy or an Onesiphorus or a widow of Zarephath to lift you up. Amen?

2 Timothy 1 verses 16-18 (end) Onesiphorus

16 May the Lord grant [His] mercy to the family of **Onesiphorus, for he often showed me**

have to suffice! Can you be an Onesiphorus to some dear man of God or woman of God who is actively serving Jesus?

Can you be a breath of fresh air, a financial help, a person who is sensitive to the needs of the man of God? Can you search eagerly and diligently for that person who is truly sacrificing himself or herself for the Lord? Can you find them like the Queen of the South and go to them, just to hear their words and imbibe from their pure spirit because the Holy Spirit is



HE IS NOT HERE: FOR
HE IS **RISEN**,

MATTHEW 28:6A

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