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Who is Timothy?

- Son of a Jewish Mother and Greek Father
- Lived in Lystra (Modern Turkey)
- Was a faithful early believer
- Was a young man respected in hometown
- Traveled extensively with Paul
- Was a “Co-Author” of Paul’s Letters
- Was Paul’s “TRUE” son

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Why is Paul Writing?

1Timothy 3:14-15

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

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What Challenged Timothy?

- Timothy was a young man seeking to pastor older people *(4:12; 5:1–2)*
- Timothy greatly missed Paul and wanted to quit *(1:3; 2 Tim. 1:4)*
- Timothy was prone to neglect his pastoral duties and his own personal devotional life as a Christian leader *(4:11–16)*

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What Challenged Timothy?

- Timothy had made some hasty decisions, especially about church officers, that had caused some difficulties *(5:17-22)*
- Timothy had a tendency toward asceticism and bodily discipline that was actually hurting him physically *(4:7-8, 5:23)*
- Timothy had admitted to Paul that “youthful temptations” plagued him
(2 Tim. 2:22)

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What Challenged Timothy?

- There were false teachers there who needed to be silenced *(1:3ff)*
- Timothy needed counsel on managing the affairs of the church, especially with reference to officers and widows

(3:1ff; 5:3ff)

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How Should Timothy Respond?

1Timothy 1:15-6

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

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Understanding Mercy

Grace does not excuse sin!

Law does not produce righteousness!

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Understanding Mercy

1Timothy 1:8-9

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane...

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1 Timothy 1:14, 16

the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus

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What Did Paul Show Timothy?

It's All About Christ

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