

➤ He was a _____ with a Pastor's _____.

Philippians 2:19-21: "I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

➤ He was _____ in the LORD.

1 Corinthians 4:17: "For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church."

➤ He _____ & _____ others in their trials.

1 Thessalonians 3:2-3: "We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, ³ so that no one would be unsettled by these trials."

3. HIS _____.

➤ He was committed to reaching the _____.

ACTS 16:3: "Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek."

1 Corinthians 9:19-23: "Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

➤ He willingly gave up his life to serve in _____ & _____ with Paul.

ACTS 16:3-5: "Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for

the people to obey. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers."

4. HIS _____.

DEFINITION OF 'CONSTITUTION':

"A person's physical state with regard to vitality, health, and strength. A person's mental or psychological makeup"

➤ He faced _____ challenges.

1 Timothy 5:23: "Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses."

➤ He faced the challenge of being _____.

1 Timothy 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

2 Timothy 2:22: "Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

➤ He faced _____ in ministry.

2 Timothy 1:7: "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

5. HIS _____.

1 Timothy 4:14: "Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you."

2 Timothy 1:6: "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

1 Timothy 1:18: "Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight..."

1 Timothy 1:3: "As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer..."

FINAL THOUGHTS

“The life of Timothy is a constant challenge to every young Christian to imitate his devotion and faithfulness.”

Ralph Earle, *The Expositors Bible Commentary: 1 Timothy*, 349.

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

Take some time to pray together as you begin.

1. What can we learn from Timothy’s mother and grandmother about parenting (Acts 16:1; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-17)? Describe several ways you can do the same as a parent or grandparent with your children or grandchildren.

2. How might the story of Timothy’s mother & grandmother be an inspiration to women today who are single or the only Christians in their home?

3. What does Paul’s relationship with Timothy tell us about discipleship and disciple making (2 Timothy 2:1-2; Acts 16:1-3)?

4. Are you discipling anyone? Are you being disciplined? What do you think are the ‘*essential*’ qualities needed for a person to disciple another person?

5. According to point #3, Timothy was committed to reaching the lost. How does his willingness to be circumcised display his commitment to reach lost people? How does 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 help you to think about reaching the lost?

6. In commenting on reaching the lost, Craig Groeschel said, ‘*To reach people no one else is reaching, we must do the things no one else is doing.*’ What do you think about this quote? How does it relate to you personally and then to SMC?

7. Timothy’s character should cause us to reflect on our own character. What characteristics did Timothy possess according to point #2 that you would like to develop in your life?

Take some time to pray for each other’s needs.

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TODAY’S MESSAGE: “*The Making of a Man of God*”

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INTRODUCTION:

1. HIS _____.

➤ He was taught the _____ at a young age.

ACTS 16:1: “He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek.”

2 Timothy 1:5: “have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.”

2 Timothy 3:14-15: “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

➤ He may have become a Christian through _____
(Acts 13-14; 16:1-3).

2. HIS _____.

➤ He had a great _____ at home and abroad.

ACTS 16:2: “The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.”

➤ He had a reputation that _____ Paul’s attention.

ACTS 16:3: “Paul wanted to take him along on the journey...”

➤ He was _____ by Paul.

1 Timothy 1:2: “To Timothy *my true son* in the faith...”

Philippians 2:22-23: “But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me.”