

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 03 March 2013..... 1Timothy 1:1-20..... Follow Sound Doctrine
- 2) 10 March..... 1Timothy 2:1-15..... Please God in Worship
- 3) 17 March..... 1Timothy 3:1-4:16..... Honor God in Your Service
- 4) 24 March..... 1Timothy 5:1-6:2..... Care for Others
- 5) 31 March..... Matthew 28:1-20..... Believe in the Risen Lord
- 6) 07 April..... 1Timothy 6:3-21..... Pursue Spiritual Gifts
- 7) 14 April..... 2Timothy 1:1-18..... Be Loyal**
- 8) 21 April..... 2Timothy 2:1-26..... Be Strong in God's Work
- 9) 28 April..... 2Timothy 3:1-17..... Be Guided by God's Word
- 10) 05 May..... 2Timothy 4:1-22..... Be Persistent to the End
- 11) 12 May..... Titus 1:1-16..... Look for Qualified Spiritual Leaders
- 12) 19 May..... Titus 2:1-15..... Look for Spiritual Excellence
- 13) 26 May..... Titus 3:1-15..... Look for Good Works

INTRODUCTION

- Paul writes this during his 2nd and final imprisonment – this time under Nero where he languished in a cold dungeon (4:13), he was chained up like a common criminal (1:16; 2:9), his fair weather friends left him (1:15; 4:10), and his true friends had a hard time finding him (1:17)
- Paul's days are numbered, so he charges Timothy to guard the Gospel (1:14), to persevere (3:14), to keep on preaching (4:2) and if necessary, suffer for it (1:8; 2:3)
- CNN's national security analyst, Peter Bergen, recently labeled those who oppose homosexuality or abortion as domestic terrorists - See: [AIG Post – Biblical Christians are “non-Jihadist Terrorists”](#)
- What would we do if we are ever faced with Christian Persecution? Flee to the next town? Hide? Go militant? Or persevere?
 - ♦ Of course, the answer is to persevere in righteous living

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| 1:9-10 | <p>Proclaim the Life-Giving Gospel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Christ saved us with a “<i>holy calling</i>” which is God-initiated since it is not based on our efforts, good looks, or talents, but on “<i>His own purpose and grace</i>” • ...and His grace was granted to believers “<i>before time began</i>” [see Rom 16:25; Eph 1:4; Titus 1:2 below] – In other words, God planned to share His glory and His Heaven with those who choose to call Him Lord • This is a very motivating passage for Christians to have hope during the toughest trials this life can give us |
| 1:11-18 | <p>Remain Loyal in the Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v11. Paul's appointment as an Apostle, preacher and teacher came directly & verifiably from God..... Acts 9 • v12. What did Paul entrust to Christ for safe keeping? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Possibly all of his prayers and converts • v13. “<i>Stay true to sound doctrine</i>” – which means we need to first learn sound doctrine from false teachings • v14. What is the treasure to be guarded and how do we guard it through the Holy Spirit? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The treasure is the Gospel of Jesus Christ who desires to save all who come to Him in faith ♦ We guard it through obedient living in all of our actions, thoughts, and words ♦ Yet, it is not our effort we succeed in guarding the Gospel, but it is all by God's power 2Cor 4:7 • v15. Fair weather friends, Phygelus & Hermogenes, forsook Paul when things got rough [Early church traditions allege they were of the 70 disciples, who became followers of Simon Magus / Magician (Acts 8)] • vv16-18. Onesiphorus to the rescue. This is the type of friend we need to become to those in ministry – Faithful, Persevering, Focused, Self-sacrificing |

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| 2Timothy 1:1-2 | <p>“My Dearly Beloved Son”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul and Timothy seemed to have a quasi-Father/Son relationship – both totally devoted to each other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Paul dutifully coached Timothy to assume the reigns to propagate the Gospel and disciple believers ♦ ...and Timothy dutifully carried out his assignments |
| 1:3-8 | <p>Remember Your Spiritual Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v3. Paul prayed for Timothy “<i>night and day</i>” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Paul prayed for the Roman and Ephesian believers “<i>unceasingly</i>” Rom 1:10; Eph 1:16 ♦ Paul mentioned the Thessalonians & Philemon in all of his prayers with thanksgiving..... 1Thes 1:2; Ph 1:4 ♦ Paul seemed to be very thorough in his prayers to mention every church and many individuals every time he prayed, & he prayed multiple times each day ♦ Such praying from this righteous believer apparently got the Church going in the right direction ♦ Psalms 5:3 <i>In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch [for answers]</i> ♦ Psalms 55:17 <i>Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud, & God shall hear my voice</i> ♦ How can we move our prayer life into the fast lane? • v5. Timothy had a strong heritage – his Mom and G'mother were “sincere” believers – & he didn't waste it • v6. Timothy was endowed with a “<i>gift of God</i>” by the laying on of an Apostle's hands, & he was to use it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ We are not told what Timothy's gift was. Some theologians speculate it had to do with evangelizing or administering as a church Elder ♦ CAUTION. This was a unique gifting process since an Apostle was involved who could perform non-repeatable acts during the church's early existence |

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- This is only the tip of the iceberg of what Paul will cover in this epistle. Can we become like Timothy and Onesiphorus who put their life on the line to share the Gospel and minister to the Saints in all situations?

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

- Rom 16:25** Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past
- Ephesians 1:4** God chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.
- Titus 1:2** [We have] hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago
- 2Cor 4:7** But we have this treasure (Gospel) in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

NEXT WEEK: 2 Timothy 2. This chapter is chocked full of pithy statements for us to adjust our behavior to have the most impact for the Gospel from diligently teaching God's word to fleeing youthful lusts

