

Timothy

ACTS 16:1-5



Timothy: This is your life!

- Name: Timothy /Timotheus
- Mother (Eunice) = Jew; Father = Greek
- Grandmother = Lois
- Born around AD 17
- Died around AD 97

According to Foxe's Book of Martyrs, he died in 97 A.D. upholding the truth of the Bible. Foxe's states he was the bishop of Ephesus and was murdered when he told a crowd of pagans that their idolatrous celebrations were ridiculous.

Passing the baton...

- There can be a natural degeneration from one level to the next unless some strategic action is taken to address the decline.
- This is the movement into difficult times...

Downward slide...

1. Man (or woman): passion, on a mission
2. Movement: recruit others; function as a group
3. Machine: group needs organising & structure
4. Monument: mission lost, organization becomes the focus

Preventative action

Three important relationships:

Every Christian needs a ¹Barnabas to receive encouragement, a ²Timothy to guide as a disciple and an ³Epaphroditus to enjoy on a peer level...

(Epaphroditus: only mentioned in Philippians. Delivered a “care package” from the church to Paul)

Family (1 Thessalonians 2:7-12)

- ✓ Passing the baton: *Lois -> Eunice -> Timothy*
- ✓ Mother: *gentle, caring, night & day (7-9)*
- ✓ Father: *model, encouraging, comforting, urging (10-12)*
- ✓ Investment: *“share with you our lives...” (8)*

Spiritually: (Acts 16:1-5) (*Paul & Timothy*)

1. Divine appointment – meeting (1)
2. Family of origin – mother & father (1)
3. Personal life – disciple (1)
4. Reputation – brothers spoke well (2)
5. Selected – by Paul (3)
6. Equipped – adapted to mission (3)

Spiritually: *(continued)*

7. Mentored – Action/reflection

- Action 17:14; reflection 18:5
- Action 19:22; reflection 20:1

8. Identification: Romans 16:1; 2 Cor 1:1; Phil 1:1; Col 1:1; 1 Thess 1:1; 2 Thess 1:1

Key verses (2 Timothy)

- ❖ *1:5 I am 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.*
- ❖ *2:15 Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth. (AMP)*
- ❖ *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.*
- ❖ *3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Does it work?

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