

# *II Timothy*

## (2) Kindle afresh the gift of God

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2 To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.  
3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly  
remember you in my prayers night and day, 4 longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I  
may be filled with joy. 5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your  
grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. 6 For this reason I  
remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For  
God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. NASU

### **The introduction of the Epistle ...1:1-4**

How does Paul introduce himself in this epistle? 1:1; IICor.1:1; Rom.1:1

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Why would Paul feel it necessary to remind him that he was an Apostle? See Acts 9:26-27

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And why the reminder that his apostleship was by the *will of God*? Act 1:15-26

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What is '*the promise of life in Christ Jesus*'? 1:1; Jn.5:24, 6:40, 10:28; Rom.6:23; Eph.3:6-7

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Comment on IITim1:2 compared to ITim.1:2.

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### **Timothy, fan the flame! ...1:5-7**

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And what incredibly encouraging thing is Paul doing for Timothy (in prison)? 1:3b; IThess.3:10

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What was (partially) motivating this fervor in prayer? 1:4; Phil.1:6-8; Acts 20:31, 37-38

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What does Paul specifically recall *about Timothy*? 1:5; ITim.1:3-5; Acts 16:1; Prov.22:6

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In addition to his faith, what did Timothy have? 1:6; ITim.4:14; Rom.12:3-8; IPet.4:7-11

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And what does Paul *command* of Timothy regarding this gift? 1:6; IThess.5:19

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This gift is *not* a spirit of timidity but of...? 1:7; Rom.8:15; ICor.2:4; Gal.5:22; Act.26:25

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How does Paul introduce himself in this epistle? 1:1; IICor.1:1; Rom.1:1

**1) an apostle of Christ Jesus 2) by the will of God 3) according to the promise of life...**

Why would Paul feel it necessary to remind him that he was an Apostle? See Acts 9:26-27

**Paul's authority as one sent out from Christ 'trumped' his father-son relationship. Listen!**

And why the reminder that his apostleship was by the *will of God*? Act 1:15-26

**Paul's apostleship was challenged by some in the church. Didn't follow their 'formula'!**

What is '*the promise of life in Christ Jesus*'? 1:1; Jn.5:24, 6:40, 10:28; Rom.6:23; Eph.3:6-7

**It is the Gospel. The promise of eternal life for those who are 'in Christ Jesus'. Amen!**

Comment on IITim1:2 compared to ITim.1:2.

**My dearly beloved son in the faith is much stronger, more intimate. Deeper love for him.**

### Timothy, fan the flame! ...1:5-7

What does Paul remind Timothy of regarding himself? 1:3a; ITim.1:5; Rom.1:8-10

**Paul is thanking God for Timothy. Paul serves God w/clear conscience, like his forefathers.**

And what incredibly encouraging thing is Paul doing for Timothy (in prison)? 1:3b; IThess.3:10

**I remember you in my prayers, night and day! Who are you praying for like that?**

What was (partially) motivating this fervor in prayer? 1:4; Phil.1:6-8; Acts 20:31, 37-38

**Paul deeply loved Timothy and recalled his tears when they last parted. Paul was lonely.**

What does Paul specifically recall *about Timothy*? 1:5; ITim.1:3-5; Acts 16:1; Prov.22:6

**He knows of his sincere faith, passed down by his mother and grandmother. Train up...**

In addition to his faith, what did Timothy have? 1:6; ITim.4:14; Rom.12:3-8; IPet.4:7-11

**By the laying on of (Paul/elders) hands, Timothy had the gift of preaching / teaching.**

And what does Paul *command* of Timothy regarding this gift? 1:6; IThess.5:19

**Kindle afresh, fan into flame, this precious gift of God. It's possible for the fire to go out!**

This gift is *not* a spirit of timidity but of...? 1:7; Rom.8:15; ICor.2:4; Gal.5:22; Act.26:25

**It's a spirit of power and love and self-discipline. Power to preach, love the flock, be pure.**

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