

Starting Off



Along the Way

- * Intervention by Jesus
- * Calling in Antioch
- * Preached to thousands
- * 4 missionary journeys
- * Started/assisted innumerable churches
- * Wrote 13 books of the Word of God
- * Influenced Christian leaders



Along the Way with Timothy

- *Disciple
- *Son of faith through Paul
- *Copreacher/teacher in many cities
- *Assigned difficult churches
- *Mentioned as cosender in several letters
- *Persecuted & imprisoned



Finishing well

Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-7



1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.

4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.

5 I 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.

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.

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

Christ Jesus our Lord in this letter

Apostle called by God's will, according to the promise of life in Christ

Timothy, grace, mercy and peace from the triune God

Saved to a holy life, not by our works, but because of grace designed before time began

Jesus appeared to all to convey that grace

He destroyed death, brought life and immortality

Live in the faith and love of Jesus to keep the pattern of sound teaching

Be strong in the grace of Jesus

Endure together like a good soldier of Christ

Remember Jesus

Endure everything for the sake of bringing others to obtain and keep to eternal glory

Don't be ashamed to testify about Jesus

Refreshed in the Lord through the visits of Christians

The Lord gives insight into how focussed we are to be in our service of Him

The Lord knows those who are His

Flee evil desires, pursue the Lord, along with others

Live as the Lord's servant always

Live in righteousness in light of His appearing to come

Passing the torch

Chapter	1	2	3	4
Key thought	Guard God's gifts	Persevere through whatever comes	Continue in truth and godly living	Fight the good fight
Perspective	Heritage from the past	Devotion in the present	Prepared for the future	Eternal focus
Key verse	14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.	15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.	16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.	7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Passing the torch

- **Selection (v1,2)**

- *1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,*
- *2 To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- *Apostle to trusted son in Christ*

Passing the torch

- Prayerful initiation (v3,4)
- *3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.*
- *4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.*

Passing the torch

- Spiritually grounded (v5)

- 5 I 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.

Passing the torch

- God's gifts

- 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.

Passing the torch

- God's equipping

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

How do we plan on finishing well?

- Remember our foundation of salvation
- Treasure the calling/gifts of God
- Abide in Him as we serve with others
- Persevere through trials as we share Christ's truth, love and grace
- Focus on eternity lived with God