

Timothy, a Leader with a Legacy

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1–6; 3:14–16

Background: Acts 16:1–3; Philippians 2:19–22

Key Text (2 Timothy 1:5): Paul recalls the sincere faith that first lived in Timothy's grandmother Lois and mother Eunice — and now lives in Timothy also.

5 Key Points from This Lesson

1. A Legacy Is Passed Down

A godly heritage of faith moved from grandmother Lois, to mother Eunice, to Timothy — proof that spiritual formation often flows through family.

2. Sincere Faith Builds Confidence

Paul trusted Timothy because his faith was genuine, without pretense — sincerity gives credibility to a mentor and a leader.

3. Every Believer Has a Gift to Fan Into Flame

God's gifts are not meant to sit dormant. Timothy was called to actively stir up the gift he received through the laying on of hands.

4. Scripture Is God-Breathed and Useful

All Scripture comes from God and equips believers for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, in every generation.

5. Faithful Ministry Is Never Done Alone

Timothy's legacy came through mother, grandmother, and spiritual father — discipleship happens in community, not isolation.

Thought to Remember: Remember your faith heritage, and trust Scripture's instruction.

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Discussion Questions

Every question from the lesson slides, gathered in one place

Foundation of Faith — 2 Timothy 1:3–4

1. Who are your spiritual ancestors?
2. In what ways are you supporting the faith of future generations?
3. What memories connect you to those who first showed you faith?
4. How can you intentionally pass your faith to someone younger?

A Legacy of Sincere Faith — 2 Timothy 1:5

5. Who do you know with sincere faith, and how does it influence you?
6. What habits or rhythms help you remember examples of faith?
7. What does sincere faith look like in daily choices?
8. How can you thank a mentor who shaped your faith?

Fan Into Flame — 2 Timothy 1:6

9. In what ways can you encourage others to keep their gifts aflame?
10. What are you doing to fan your own calling into flame?
11. What has caused your gift or calling to grow cold?
12. What one step could reignite your calling this week?

Know the Scriptures — 2 Timothy 3:15–16

13. What is your history with Scripture?
14. What study tools help you learn God's Word thoroughly?
15. How has Scripture protected you from being led astray?
16. What practice could deepen your study of Scripture this year?

Discipleship in Community — Conclusion

17. Is discipleship meant to be done alone? (Mark 6:7; Acts 13:2–3; Hebrews 10:24–25)
18. In what specific ways are you leaning on the community of faith?
19. Who in your life needs you to walk alongside them right now?
20. What keeps believers from seeking community in their spiritual growth?

Why are these principles significant to the future development of the current and next generations?

What are the benefits if we execute them properly?

What are the possible outcomes and results that will occur if we do not effectively teach these principles?

It is our duty and responsibility to Educate and Empower our current and future generations with the truth of God's word, by spoken word and deed.

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