

PASTORAL EPISTLES

INTRODUCTION -- PART III

{Sunday, June 24, 2012 A.D.}

1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy & Titus

Pastoral Epistles:

1st Timothy & Titus -- ~ 62-64 A.D.

2nd Timothy^a -- ~ 64-68 A.D.

Life of Timothy:

- "Timothy" means one who honors God.
 - Native of Lystra in Galatia.
 - Father was a Greek/Mother was a Jew.
 - Significant religious influence, growing up saturated in the OT Scriptures, by his grandmother, Lois and mother, Eunice.
 - Converted under Paul's ministry on Paul's 1st Missionary Journey.
 - Recruited by Paul as an associate in ministry during Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey.
 - Helped Paul establish churches at Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, and Corinth.
 - Worked in Macedonia and Achaia.
 - Assigned to pastor the church at Ephesus.
 - With Paul in Rome.
 - Martyred for the Glory of Christ.
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Areas Needing Encouragement Late in Timothy's Spiritual Life:

- Kindle afresh the gift. . .
 - Replace fear with power, love and a sound mind. . .
 - Not to be ashamed of the Lord and Paul, but willing to suffer/accept persecution for the Gospel/Christ. . .
 - Hold on to the truth/sound doctrine/avoid error. . .
 - Be strong/faithful amidst the pressures of the world and the church. . .
 - Continue to preach the word of God/Scripture relentlessly. . .
 - Put his full confidence in Scripture. . .
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Life of Titus:

- Greek father and mother.
 - Converted at Syrian Antioch.
 - Brought by Paul and Barnabus to the council at Jerusalem to discuss the salvation of the Gentiles – his life was one of spiritual depth that manifested Christ.
 - Titus was sent to work with the sensitive issues that arose at Corinth.
 - Titus was used to gather the collection taken for the poor Jerusalem saints.
 - Titus was placed in charge of the work at Crete.
 - With Paul during Paul's 2nd Roman imprisonment.
 - Died of natural causes in Crete in his senior years as an elder over the Christian work there.
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2 Peter 1:20-21 (NASB95)

²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a *matter* of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB95)

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:15 (NASB95)

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

^a Technically, 2 Timothy should also be considered to be a "prison epistle"
