

TIMOTHY

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1. Timothy, whose name means “venerating God,” was a convert and friend of the Apostle Paul. (2 Tim. 1:2)
2. He was a son of a mixed marriage. His mother was a Jew and his father was a Greek. (Acts 16:1)
3. Apparently Timothy was schooled in the Scriptures by his mother and grandmother. (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15)
4. Timothy was living in Lystra when Paul began his second missionary journey. He was probably led to the Lord Jesus Christ by Paul earlier on Paul’s first visit to Lystra. (Acts 14:6; 16:2; 2 Tim. 1:2, 5) (48AD)
5. Timothy had been preparing for missionary work being instructed by the elders. (Acts 14:23; 16:2; 1 Tim. 1:18; 4:14)
6. Timothy was selected by Paul to travel with him on his second missionary journey. (Acts 16:2ff) (48AD)
7. It is interesting to note that Timothy had never been circumcised as a Hebrew youth. Therefore, Paul circumcised Timothy because of the Jews they would be ministering to in the cities they were going to visit. (Acts 16:3) (48AD)
8. Timothy was set apart as an evangelist by the laying on of hands by the elders. (1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:5) (48AD)
9. Timothy became one of Paul’s most faithful and constant companions, traveling first to Philippi along with Silvanus and Luke. (Acts 16:11, 12) (48AD)
10. Paul gives great praise to Timothy referencing his earlier visit to Philippi. (Phil. 2:19-24)
11. Timothy may have remained at Philippi during the first part of Paul’s second missionary journey to watch over that infant church, but eventually traveled west to Berea to meet up again with Paul. (Acts 17:12-14) (51AD)
12. Timothy and Silas remained at Berea to continue ministering after Paul departed southward to Athens. (Acts 17:15-16) (51AD)
13. Timothy eventually traveled south to Athens where Paul commissioned him to return to Thessalonica to strengthen and encourage that young church and to ascertain their spiritual growth. (1 Thess. 3:1-5) (51AD)

14. Timothy returned to Paul, now in Corinth, with a glowing report concerning the Thessalonians' steadfastness in the Lord. (1 Thess. 3:6-10) (51AD)
15. Some five years later we see Timothy being sent from Ephesus in advance of Paul's long journey to Macedonia and Achaia, to Jerusalem, and eventually to Rome on a third missionary journey. (Acts 19:21-22) (55AD)
16. Timothy apparently returns to Paul at Ephesus where Paul writes his first epistle to the Corinthians. (1 Cor. 16:10) (55AD)
17. He later travels with Paul on this second stage of a third missionary journey to Corinth., probably meeting up with Titus in Philippi (Macedonia), where Paul probably penned the second epistle to the Corinthian Church. (2 Cor. 1:1; 7:5-7) (56AD)
18. Timothy then traveled on a third missionary journey with Paul and seven others; Sopater of Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, Gaius of Derbe, Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia, north to Macedonia through Philippi and then south to Corinth where Paul penned the epistle to the Romans. (Acts 20:1-4; Rom. 16:1, 21) (56AD)
19. Paul's team may have traveled back by ship to Troas in Asia: however Paul decided to travel over land north through Philippi, Macedonia and then to sail from Philippi to Troas. In any case the team had gone on ahead to Troas and were waiting for him there. Paul seems to have been joined by Luke at Philippi as he returned to Asia for a teaching conference at Troas. (Acts 20:1-12)
20. Timothy is not mentioned again until Paul's first Roman imprisonment in Rome when Paul wrote the epistle to the Philippians, to the Colossians, and to Philemon and possibly to the Galatians. (Phil. 1:1; 2:19; Col. 1:1; Philemon 1) (59-62AD)
21. He traveled with Paul one last time after his first Roman imprisonment when they revisited the proconsular Asia. (1 Tim. 1:3) (62-63AD)
22. When Paul left Ephesus to travel to Macedonia one last time. Timothy was left behind to continue the teaching and correct if possible the heresy and licentiousness that had arisen. Paul wrote his first pastoral epistle to Timothy probably from Philippi regarding the establishment of administrative order in that church. (1 Tim. 3:14-15; 4:12-16; 5:17) (63AD)
23. Paul's last words to Timothy from Rome include a desire to see him one last time. (2 Tim. 4:6-9ff) (64-66AD)

24. It is uncertain whether or not Timothy ever visited Paul in his last Roman imprisonment. However, some have suggested that he shared Paul's imprisonment for a time and then was released. (Heb. 13:23) (64-66AD)
25. Traditionally it is believed that Timothy continued on as a pastor in Ephesus and suffered martyrdom under Domitian or Nerva.