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#### 2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

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#### Timothy's Biography

- From Lystra, Greek father and Jewish mother (Acts 16:1)
- From a Godly home (2 Tim 1:5; 3:15)
- Converted by Paul (1 Tim 1:2) during visit to Lystra (Acts 14:6-23) on the first missionary journey
- Active in Paul's second (Acts 16:1-3; 16–18) and third (Acts 19:22; 20:1-5) missionary journeys
- Put in charge at church in Ephesus (1 Tim 1:3)

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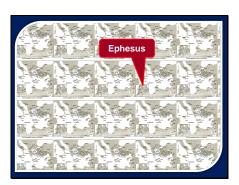
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# Paul's Ministry Chronology # of books Journey Acts Date Books 1 13-14 48-49 Gal 2 2 15:36-18:22 50-52 1-2Thess 3 3 18:23-21:17 53-57 1-2Cor, Rom

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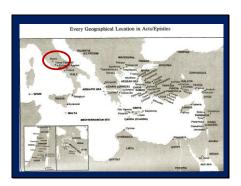
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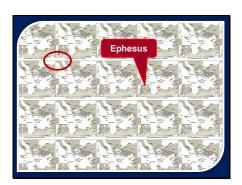

- First Imprisonment (Acts 28:16-31)
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  Local and sporadic persecutions (AD 60-63)
  Decent conditions (house)
  Many friends
  Evangelistic opportunities
  Optimistic for release (Phil 1:24-26)
  Wrote 2 Timothy
  Political charges
  Neronian persecution (AD 64-68)
  Poor conditions (dungeon)
  Virtually alone
  Execution anticipated (2 Tim 4:6)

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Adapted from Nelson's Complete Book of Charts and Maps,

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#### Occasion for Writing

- Timothy's non assertiveness
  - ◆ Core makeup: youthful (1 Tim 4:12), sickly (1 Tim 5:23), timid (2 Tim 1:7)
  - ◆ Neronian persecution (2 Tim 4:9-11)
  - ◆ Paul's arrest (2 Tim 1:8)
  - ◆ Persecution within the church (2:18; 3:1-13; 4:3-4)
- Paul's imminent death (2 Tim 4:6)
- Next generation?

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#### Message

Faithful endurance in the ministry, even in the midst of encroaching persecution and apostasy, so that the Christian message will be preserved for the next generation

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#### **Harvard University**

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"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Prov. 2, 3). Everyone shall exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein."

Rules of Harvard in 1636; quoted in David Barton, Original Intent, 81

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2 Tim 1:1- **Paul**, an apostle of Christ Jesus <sup>[a]</sup> by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus

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1 Cor. 15:8-9- and <u>last</u> of all, as <sup>[d]</sup>to one <u>untimely born</u>, He appeared to me also. <sup>9</sup> For I am the <u>least</u> of the apostles, <sup>[e]</sup> and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

- 2 Tim 1:2- To <u>Timothy</u>, my beloved <sup>[b]</sup>son: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 1 Tim. 1:3-As I urged you <sup>[a]</sup>upon my departure for Macedonia, <sup>[b]</sup>remain on at **Ephesus** so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines
- Acts 19:10- This took place for two years, so that all who lived in <sup>[a]</sup>Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks
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- 2 Tim 1:8- Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me **His prisoner**, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God.
- 2 Tim. 1:16- The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of **my chains**.
- 2 Tim. 2:9- for which I suffer hardship even to **imprisonment** as a criminal; but the word of God is not **imprisoned**.

2 Tim. 4:13- When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

# <u>6</u>

- 1 Tim. 4:12- Let no one look down on your <u>youthfulness</u>, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example <sup>[e]</sup> of those who believe.
- 1 Tim. 5:23- No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your **stomach** and your **frequent ailments**.
- 2 Tim. 1:7- For God has not given us a spirit of <sup>[f]</sup>timidity, but of power and love and <sup>[g]</sup>discipline.
- 2 Tim 1:8- Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me **His prisoner**, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God.
- 2 Tim. 2:18-*men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.
- 2 Tim. 3:1-2-But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy
- 2 Tim. 3:12-13-Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 Tim. 4:3-4-For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

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Heb. 13:8-Jesus Christ *is* the <u>same</u> yesterday and today and forever.

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2 Pet. 1:14-knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

Num. 6:24-26-The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.' (NASB)

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