



# THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY

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# **INTRODUCTION**

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# INTRODUCTION TO:

- Me/us
- You (for my sake)
- Timothy's end
- Why study Timothy's life?
- Syllabus
- Questions?





# THE MARTYRDOM OF TIMOTHY



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# WHY STUDY THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY?

- Puts reality to the history
- Provides context to Paul's teachings
- Shows us a "normal" person being developed and used by God
- I can relate to it, part of it has become my story, so I can pass it on.
- Takes a number from in front of his name
- Should be eye-opening in many ways

# WHY STUDY THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY?

- Draws connection between the content of the Epistles and the history of Acts
- Timothy may be the person that spent the most time with the Apostle Paul, being like a son to him, accompanying him often, representing him often, his most constant companion, and his most trusted associate.
- Solving mysteries, piecing together historical data
- Seeing a bigger, more unified picture, rather than many seemingly unrelated primary source documents.



# WHY STUDY THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY?

- This is not just a chronological or historical exercise, but a historical look at the life of someone raised up under the Apostle Paul's ministry, with thematic elements along the way. It is a call up into sonship, discipleship, leadership - to carry the apostolic burden to the next generation.
- It's almost a step zoomed in from NT Survey to something like "Paul's Life and Letters," but we're taking it from a third-person's vantage point.
- We're also primarily cutting a sub-section out of Paul's ministry for particular emphasis, namely the growth and development of his team.
- Transmission of information by story

“Timothy was Paul’s closet assistant and regular companion from the beginning of his second missionary journey (AD 48) till his Roman imprisonment (AD 62-64). These sixteen years cover chapters 16-28 of Acts and most of the New Testament letters—a uniquely important phase in the foundation of Christianity. Timothy is mentioned by name in all Paul’s letters except Galatians, Ephesians, and Titus. ... Paul appoints Timothy his representative in Ephesus—perhaps the biggest church at that time, and certainly the one most fully reported in the New Testament for us to learn from.”

*-Lance Pierson, In the Steps of Timothy*

“He wasn’t just a hanger-on, or a footnote to Paul’s story, as many people have regarded him. He was *the* major relationship in the life of a man who seems to have had no wife and no children of his own.”

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Timothy is the third most fully documented and ever-present character in the New Testament, after Jesus and Paul."

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## Course Syllabus

### The Life of Timothy, Part 1

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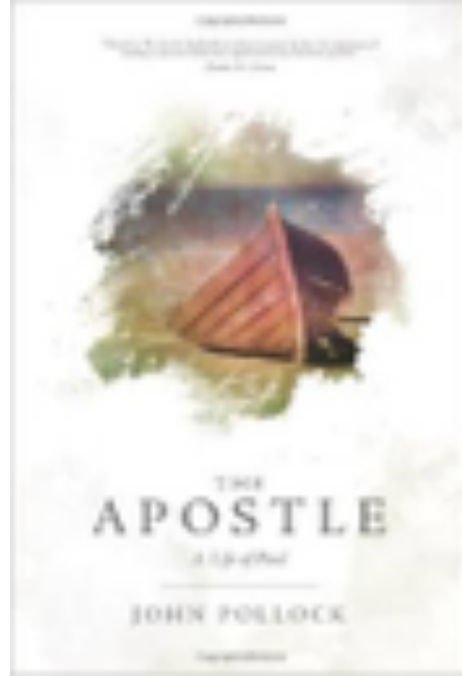
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#### Course description:

An invitation into the lifestyle of discipleship and leadership using the life of Timothy as an historical and spiritual progression. This will give a greater understanding of the history of the Early Church, especially the ministry and travels of the Apostle Paul and his growing band of ministers in training. Many important passages from Paul's writings will be explored, particularly in this context.

## Required materials:



The Apostle: A Life of Paul

ISBN-10: 0781405734

(There are also Kindle and Audible versions available)

Internet access will also be required for some online assignments.

## Course requirements:

- Attend all classes
- Complete class notes
- Complete the three online assignments, which will be given throughout the course
- Read the required textbook, then write a one to two page review, commenting on the things that it expressed well or poorly, especially any areas of difference or lack.
- Write a three page paper on another "unknown" in the Early Church. Express (1) your findings in the Scripture, (2) your findings from the research of others, and (3) reasonable implications and lessons from this study. Some possible choices will be suggested.

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## **Goals of this class:**

- Grow as disciples of Jesus
- Develop as servant-leaders
- Grasp well the flow of Paul’s journeys
- Understand key burdens from the Pauline Epistles
- Be called to greatness through surrender

## **Grading procedure:**

- Attendance (20%), Notes (20%), Online assignments (20%), Book Review (20%), Paper (20%)

# QUESTIONS?

- How to contact me:



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