

“Establishing The Next Generation In The Faith!”

Acts 16:1-5

Then **He (Paul)** [accompanied by **Silas**] came to **Derbe** and **Lystra** (in the **Region of Cilicia**). And behold (in **Lystra**), a certain **Disciple** was there, named **Timothy**, the Son of a Certain Jewish Woman Who Believed (In Christ), but His Father was Greek (Pagan – Unbeliever). **He (Timothy)** was well spoken of by the **Brethren Who** were at **Lystra** and **Iconium**. **Paul** wanted to have **Him (Timothy)** go on with **Him**. And **He (Paul)** took **Him (Timothy)** and Circumcised Him because of the **Jews** (**‘Judiazers’**) **Who** were in that Region, for **They** all knew that His Father was Greek (Pagan – Unbeliever). And as **They (Paul, Silas, & Timothy)** went through the **Cities** (From the 1st Missionary Journey), **They** delivered to **Them (Disciples)** the Decrees to Keep (Official Church Encyclical), which were determined by the **Apostles** and **Elders** (of the **Church**) at **Jerusalem**. So, the **Churches** (in **Asia Minor**) were Strengthened in the Faith, and Increased in Number daily. **Acts 16:1-5 (NKJV)**

Q

“What Was Paul & Silas Doing At The Beginning Of Our Scripture Reading Today?”

A

Carry Out Their Commission & Mission In Which They Were Sent Out
By God The Holy Spirit & The Church In Antioch (On the Orontes)

“Paul chose **Silas (Silvanus)** and departed, being **Commended by the Brethren to the Grace of God**. And **He (Paul)** went through **Syria** and **Cilicia**, Strengthening the Churches” ...

Acts 15:40-41

... **“Then He (Paul)** [accompanied by **Silas**] came to **Derbe** and **Lystra** (in the **Region of Cilicia**).”

Acts 16:1a

Q

“Who Did He Encounter Immediately Upon Entering The City of Lystra?”

A

Timothy

“And behold (in Lystra), a certain Disciple was there, named Timothy”... **Acts 16:1b**

Q

“Who Is Timothy?”

A1 – Born 18 A.D.

**“The Son of a Certain Jewish Woman Who Believed (In Christ),
but His Father was Greek (Pagan – Unbeliever).”**

Acts 16:1cd

A2

“He (Timothy) was well spoken of by the **Brethren Who** were at **Lystra** and **Iconium”** ... **Acts 16:2**

Q

“How Old Was Paul & Timothy When They First Met?”

A – In 50 A.D.

Paul – 44 Years Of Age & Timothy – 32 Years Of Age

Q

“Who Was Timothy’s Mom (& Grandma)?”

A1

His Mom Was A Jewish Convert To Christianity

“Timothy’s Mother Was A Jewish Woman Who Believed (In Christ)” ... **Acts 16:1c**

A2

More About His Jewish & Christian Upbringing By His Mother & Grandmother
Paul Writes, *"When I call to remembrance the Genuine Faith that is in You, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and (then) your mother Eunice, and (now) I am persuaded is in you also."*
2nd Timothy 1:5

Q

"What Kind Of Man Was Timothy?"

A

Someone Paul Trusted With Being The Leader Of At Least Four Churches

1) Church In Ephesus

Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the Will of God, according to the Promise of Life, which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, a Beloved Son ...

1st Timothy 1:1-2a

Paul Continues, *"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience ...*

1st Timothy 1:18-19a

1) Church In Ephesus

Paul Writes, "Let no one despise your youth (Timothy), but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" ...

1st Timothy 4:12

Paul Concludes, *"But You, O Man of God (Timothy), flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the Good Fight of Faith, Lay Hold on Eternal Life, to which you were also called and have Confessed the Good Confession in the Presence of Many Witnesses. I urge you in the Sight of God Who gives Life to all things, and before Christ Jesus Who Witnessed the Good Confession before Pontius Pilate, that You keep this Commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's Appearing. O Timothy! Guard what was committed to Your Trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge, by professing it some have strayed concerning the Faith. Grace be with You. Amen!"*

1st Timothy 6:11-14 & 20-21

1) Church In Ephesus

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the Promise of the Life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, My Beloved Child" ...

2nd Timothy 1:1-2a

Paul Continues, *"When I call to remembrance the Genuine Faith that is in You, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and (then) your mother Eunice, and (now) I am persuaded is in you also. Therefore, I remind You to Stir Up the Gift of God which is in You through the Laying on of My Hands."*

2nd Timothy 1:5-6

Paul Concludes, *"I charge You therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will Judge the Living and the Dead at His Appearing and His Kingdom: Preach the Word! Be Ready in Season and out of Season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But You be Watchful in All Things, Endure Afflictions, Do the Work of an Evangelist, Fulfill Your Ministry."*

2nd Timothy 4:1-5

2) Church In Thessalonica

"Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the Church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to You and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

1st Thessalonians 1:1

2) Church In Thessalonica

Paul Continues, “Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone, and Sent Timothy, Our Brother and Minister of God, and Our Fellow Laborer in the Gospel of Christ, to Establish You and Encourage You Concerning Your Faith” ...

1st Thessalonians 3:1-2

“Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the Church of the Thessalonians in God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to You and Peace from God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

2nd Thessalonians 1:1

3) Church In Corinth

Paul Writes, “For this reason, I have Sent Timothy to You, Who is My Beloved and Faithful Son in the Lord, Who will Remind You of My Ways in Christ, as I Teach Everywhere in Every Church.”

1st Corinthians 4:17

4) Church In Philippi

Paul Writes, “But I Trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one Like-Minded, Who will Sincerely Care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know His Proven Character, that as a Son with His Father He served with Me in the Gospel.”

Philippians 2:19-22

Q

“What Did Paul Think Of Timothy?”

A

Paul Approved Of Him So Much In The Faith & As A Follower Of Christ That He Wanted Timothy To Continue On With Them On Their Missionary Journeys

... “Paul wanted to have Him (Timothy) go on with Him” ... Acts 16:3a

Q

“What Was The Problem Then, With Just Bringing Him Along?”

A

His Birth, Ancestry, & Upbringing In His Former Jewish Faith

A1

1st He Had No Legitimate Father In The Faith As A Guide / Mentor

... “The Son of a ... Father (Who) was Greek (Pagan – Unbeliever)” ...

Acts 16:1d

A2

2nd He Was Raised In The Ways Of Both The Jewish & Christian Faith Only By Women

... “The Son of a Certain Jewish Woman Who Believed (In Christ)” ...

Acts 16:1c

Paul Writes, “When I call to remembrance the Genuine Faith that is in You, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and (then) your mother Eunice, and (now) I am persuaded is in you also.”

2nd Timothy 1:5

A3

3rd He Was Never Circumcised As A Jewish Boy – Man

Therefore, He Had No Legitimate Claim To Those Who Considered Him A Jew

... “And He (Paul) took Him (Timothy) and Circumcised Him because of the **Jews** (‘Judiazers’) **Who** were in that Region, for **They** all knew that His Father was Greek (Pagan – Unbeliever)” ...

Acts 16:3bc

Q

**“Wait A Minute,
Isn’t This Contradictory To Everything Paul Believed & Taught
As Well As The Church In Jerusalem On Circumcision In The Faith?”**

Official Church Stance On Circumcision

“The Apostles, Elders, and the Brethren, To the Brethren Who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings: Since We (Whole Church Council) have heard that Some Who Went Out from Us (‘Judiazers’) have troubled You (Gentile Converts To Christianity) with words, unsettling Your Souls, saying, ‘You must be circumcised and keep the law’; to Whom We gave no such commandment. It seemed good to Us (Whole Church Council), being Assembled with One Accord, to Send Chosen Men to You (The Gentile Church of Antioch On The Orontes) with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, Men Who have risked their lives for the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We (Whole Church Council) have therefore also Sent Judas and Silas, Who will also Report the Same Things by Word of Mouth. For it seemed Good to the Holy Spirit, and to Us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: ⁽⁴⁾ That You (Our Fellow Brothers In Christ) abstain from things offered to idols,¹ from blood,² from things strangled,³ and from sexual immorality.⁴ If You keep yourselves from these, You will do well. Farewell!” Acts 15:25-29

Q

“So, Why Did Paul Go Ahead & Circumcise Timothy Anyway?”

A1 – Timothy Needed Legitimacy By Birth & Faith In Order To Lead

Paul Knew According To Official Jewish Doctrines:

**That Unless Timothy, Who Was Considered An Illegitimate Jew At Best,
To Ever Be Accepted As A Church Leader,
He Would Have To Be Declared First A Legitimate Jew By Birth & Faith,
And Then A Legitimate Convert To Christianity By Faith.**

A2 – Timothy Needed Fatherly Headship & Covering To Lead

1st Under God As His Legitimate Spiritual Father & Creator

2nd Under Paul As His Legitimate Spiritual & Adopted Physical Father

**A3 – Paul Acted Accordingly In Action, Reason, & Spirit,
& Did Not Contradict The Church Or The Faith**

... “And He (Paul) took Him (Timothy) and Circumcised Him because of the Jews (‘Judiazers’) Who were in that Region, for They all knew that His Father was Greek (Pagan – Unbeliever)” ...

Acts 16:3bc

Timothy Was Then Free To Join Paul In The Ministry As A Legitimate Evangelist & Missionary

... “And as They (Paul, Silas, & Timothy) went through the Cities (From the 1st Missionary Journey), They delivered to Them (Disciples) the Decrees to Keep (Official Church Encyclical), which were determined by the Apostles and Elders (of the Church) at Jerusalem” ... Acts 16:4

Q

**“What Were The Two Outcomes Of Paul’s Calling, Baptism, & Sealing
In The Holy Spirit By The Laying On Of Hands In The Ordination Of Timothy?”**

A1

... “So, the Churches (in Asia Minor) were Strengthened in the Faith (daily)” ... Acts 16:5a

A2

... “So, the Churches (in Asia Minor) Increased in Number daily” ... Acts 16:5b

**So, What Do I Do With All That I Have Learned This Morning
Considering The Title Of This Message I Have Received?"**

"Establishing The Next Generation In The Faith!"

***"Let Us As God's Church,
Pray, Fast, Teach, Preach, & Mentor Our Young People In The Faith.
Let Us Encourage & Invite God's Will In His Calling Of Them Into His Service."***

***"Let Us Also Encourage & Foster An Atmosphere In Our Church:
Where Our Young People Encounter & Invite God's Holy Spirit
To Have Full Sway In Their Hearts, Minds, Souls, & Will For A Lifetime!"***