

# **TIMOTHY THE TRAVELER**

## **Acts 16:1-3**

**Let's learn about this missionary apprentice of Paul**

### **I. TIMOTHY'S BACKGROUND** - Acts 16:1-3

- A. A DISCIPLE (1-2)
  - Observe his conditions, conversion and conduct
- B. A DESIRED ONE (3)
  - Chosen, circumcised and commissioned by Paul

### **II. TIMOTHY'S BACKPACK** - Acts 17:14 to II Tim. 4:9-22

- His travels and ministry

- A. At BEREIA: Acts 17:14
  - Timothy has probably traveled with the team since Lystra (16:1) but it first mentioned here
- B. To ATHENS: Acts 17:15
  - With Silas
- C. To THESSALONICA: I Thess. 3:1-5
  - Being sent to strengthen and encourage Christian's faith during persecution
- D. To CORINTH: Acts 18:1-5
  - Providing Paul with assistance so he does not have to work an outside job
- E. To EPHESUS: Acts 19:20-22
  - With Paul here but dispatched elsewhere
- F. (To COLOSSE): Colossians 1:1
  - This work was probably developed from the work at Ephesus
- G. To MACEDONIA: Acts 19:22
  - He is probably sent there to assist Titus with the Jerusalem relief offering
  - See II Corinthians 8:16-24
- H. To CORINTH: I Corinthians 4:17
  - Being sent to correct the abuses of the Corinthians
- I. Back to EPHESUS again: Acts 20:1-5
  - We find Timothy included when Paul's entourage is detailed here (see v. 4 esp.)
- J. To MACEDONIA again: Acts 20:1-4
  - Where Paul gave much exhortation (cf. v. 2)
- K. To TROAS: Acts 20:5-12
  - Where a young man (Eutycus) falls asleep in church and dies!

- L. To JERUSALEM: Acts 20:13-16
  - To deliver relief money from Macedonia
- M. To ROME: Phil.2:19-23
  - Where Paul dispatches Timothy to Philippi
- N. To PHILIPPI: Phil.2:19-23
  - Where Timothy assists the believers
- O. To EPHESUS for a third time: I Timothy 1:3
  - Because Timothy is needed in here to confront false doctrine
- P. To PRISON (?): Hebrews 13:23
  - Having been sent there while in Ephesus (where persecution had increased)
- Q. To ROME: II Tim.4:9-12
  - To visit Paul before his death

### III. TIMOTHY'S BUSINESS

- Consider the assignments on which Paul sent him
- A. COMFORTING Believers at Thessalonica - I Thess. 3:1-5
- B. COLLECTING for Believers in Jerusalem - II Cor. 8:16-24
  - While in Macedonia - Acts 19:22
- C. CORRECTING Believers in Corinth - I Cor. 4:14-17
  1. The church needed admonition (14-16)
  2. Paul sends his faithful servant (17)
- D. CARING for Believers in Philippi - Phil. 2:19-23
  1. Note Timothy's kindred spirit (20a)
  2. He is one who is concerned for the welfare of others (20b-21)
  3. As one who is a proven servant (22)
- E. CONFRONTING false teachers in Ephesus - I Tim. 1:3
- F. CONSIDERATION: *Timothy had the ability to comfort or confront depending on the need*

### CONCLUSION

Throughout all of his travels **Timothy never went home!**

- Having put his hand to the plow, he never looked back! (Luke 9:62)
- See Luke 9:23-26 and 57-62

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR GOD?**

***WHERE ARE YOU GOING FOR HIM?***