

ACTS 16 vs 1-5 (TIMOTHY PAUL'S COMPANION)

ALSO 2 TIMOTHY 1. vs 1-5.

LAST TIME WE LOOKED AT JOHN MARK WHOM BARNABUS TOOK ON HIS 2ND MISSIONARY JOURNEY TO CYPRUS. TODAY WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT TIMOTHY WHOM PAUL TOOK ON HIS SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY. SO PAUL REVISITS DERBE AND LYSTRA WHERE HE HAD FIRST VISITED 7 YEARS BEFORE (ACTS 14 vs 19-20) ALSO vs 6, 7.

TIMOTHY HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO KNOW THE LORD THROUGH PAUL'S TESTIMONY SEE 2 TIMOTHY 1, v2. MANY DIFFERENT WAYS GOD USES TO BRING PEOPLE TO HIMSELF 1, PSALM 19 GOD SPEAKS TO MEN THROUGH CREATION. IN OLD TESTAMENT DAYS THROUGH DREAMS. THROUGH TROUBLES (PSALM 107) THROUGH THE GOSPEL BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT. OR EVEN THROUGH THE LIVES OF OTHERS

WHY DID PAUL TAKE TIMOTHY ON HIS 2ND MISSIONARY JOURNEY?

1 HE WAS WELL REPORTED OR COMMENDED BY HIS BRETHREN. PLEASE NOTE ALL THE LORD'S SERVANTS MUST BE COMMENDED. 2 CORINTHIANS 10¹⁸ FOR NOT HE THAT COMMENDETH HIMSELF IS APPROVED, BUT WHOM THE LORD COMMENDETH (JOHN 15¹⁶) ORDERED OR COMMENDED (ACTS 13 vs 1, 2) MY OWN TESTIMONY.

2 PRACTICAL WISDOM FOR PAUL ALSO TOOK SILAS WITH HIM - SO A VALID WITNESS OF THEM WAS GIVEN TO TIMOTHY (2 COR 13¹ NUMBERS 35³⁰ DUCT. 17⁶ ALSO JOHN 8¹⁷)

3, EXPEDIENCY ADVANTAGE WISDOM FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES THEY WOULD ENCOUNTER. NOTE AGAIN (ACTS 15) IN ORDER TO SILENCE THE BIGOTED JEWS WHO WOULD OPPOSE PAUL IN HIS GOSPEL MISSION. SEE ALSO 1 CORINTHIANS 9¹⁹⁻²². AN EXAMPLE IN THE LORD'S LIFE WHILEST HERE (MATTHEW 17²⁴⁻²⁷) LOTTERIES FOR GOOD CAUSES.

4, TIMOTHY'S FAMILY BACKGROUND. 2 TIM. 1 vs 1-5. NOTE THE VALUE GRAND-PARENTS AND PARENTS. FOR THE BIBLE ALSO GIVES PARENTS MANY INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT HOW TO BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN PROVERBS 22⁶. MATTHEW 18¹⁻⁸. CH 19¹³⁻¹⁵. COLOSSIANS 3^{20, 21} AGAIN PROVERBS 22¹⁵ 13²⁴. 23^{13, 14} FOR US AS GOD'S CHILDREN HEBREWS 12⁶⁻¹¹

1, NOTE A CHILD IS RECEPTIVE. MATTHEW 18¹⁻⁸. FOR THEIR YOUNG MINDS ARE LIKE SOFT WAX (IMPRESSIONABLE) BUT AS THEY GROW OLDER THEY GET HARDENED. NOTE THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS. AFTER THE AGE OF 11 YRS THE RATIO OF CONVERSIONS BEGINS TO FALL. 1 MATTHEW HENRY 11 YRS. JONATHAN