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Lesson Text: Acts 16:1-3; II Tim 1:18-20 and 2:1-8

### PAUL CHOOSES TIMOTHY

#### Memory Verse:

**II Timothy 2:19** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

**II Timothy 2:20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonour.

**II Timothy 2:21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

When Paul first met Timothy, Timothy was a young minister between the ages of 16 to 21. Timothy was an outstanding person in the church who was active in the church, had a good reputation, and was well reported by the brethren at the church. Timothy, Josiah, and Jesus are an example to the young people in the church today that they don't have to wait until they become old to become an outstanding person in the church.

#### 1. Josiah Was Only 8 Years Old When He Began His Reign As The King of Judah

- a) Athaliah was an evil queen who tried to kill all the royal seed. II Ki 11:1
- b) Josiah's aunt Jehosheba hid Josiah from Athaliah.
- c) Josiah was the successor to his father Ahaziah as king at the age of 8.
- d) The priest and others taught Josiah the protocol in being king. II Ki 22:8-13

#### 2. Jesus Was Only 33 Years Old Dying For The Sins of the World.

- a) Jesus had a mother and stepfather Joseph according to the flesh. Matt 1:18-25
- b) Jesus had siblings but had no wife or child to carry on his name. Matt 13:55-56
- c) Jesus begins his ministry at 30 years old. Lk 3:23
- d) We really don't think about Jesus' young age of 33 dying on the cross.
- e) We really don't think about Jesus dying for the whole world at 33 and that is a lot for a young man to do at 33 years old.
- f) We either think about a young Jesus to be a myth or to be at least 65 years old.
- g) If we really believed that Jesus started his ministry at 30 and died at 33, we would have more young men would follow after Jesus and become a young minister.
- h) We preach that Jesus is the Son of God, but we don't preach hardly about Jesus being only 30 years old when he started his ministry.
- i) We don't encourage the young people that they need to make their mark in the church while they are young.



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**3. Paul Was Young When God Chose Him**

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| a) Paul was a young man when he was holding the clothes of Stephen.                                    | Acts 7:58  |
| b) Paul was not old when he died for preaching the gospel.   |            |
| c) Paul was not 40 or 50 years old when Jesus appeared to him.   | Acts 9:1-6 |
| d) Paul wanted to know Jesus in the power of his resurrection and in the fellowship of his sufferings. | Phil 3:10  |
| e) The resurrection was the central theme of the book of Acts.   |            |
| f) Paul said follow me as I follow Christ.   | I Cor 11:1 |

**4. Paul Finds Timothy**

- a) When Paul finds Timothy, it reminded him of himself when he was younger.
- b) Timothy stayed with the Lord in the church and grew in it.
- c) Timothy became one of Paul's capable assistants in the church.
- d) Titus was another one of Paul's assistants in the church.

**5. Some of Paul's Final Words to Timothy**

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| a) Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.         | II Tim 2:1 |
| b) Charge some that they teach no other doctrine.          | I Tim 3:1  |
| c) In a great house there are vessels of honor & dishonour | II 2:20    |
| i. Vessels are ministers.                                  |            |
| ii. The quality may be gold, silver, wood or earth.        |            |
| iii. Ministers should walk worthy of their vocation.       | Eph 4:1-3  |
| iv. Vessels of dishonor are people like Jannes & Jambres.  | II Tim 3:8 |
| v. They were the magicians who tried to withstood Moses.   | Exo 7-9    |

**6. A Great House Produces More of its Kind**

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| a) A great house should produce more pastors, elders, and bishops. | Mt 28:18-20 |
| b) Those who know the word of God continue to grow.                | I Cor 15:58 |