**Timothy**

**Timothy’s first appearance in the Bible.** **Acts 16:1-2**

He first appears as Paul’s travels take him to revisit Lystra.

Timothy played a prominent role in the remainder of the second trip.

**Paul’s closest companion.**

Paul was probably closer to Timothy than to any other mentioned in the Bible.

Paul’s friend and chief associate mentioned as joint sender in six of Paul’s epistles.

**He was thought highly by others.**

He was held in high regard in Lystra and Iconium.

Paul commends him to the Philippians, as one of proven character and faithful.

Paul thought of him as a son to a father.

The apostle Paul spoke highly of this young man. **Philippians 2:19-24**

Timothy was well spoken of as a follower of Christ. **Acts 16:2**

**Some terrific traits of Timothy.**

He was conscious of those around him.

He was caring. **2 Timothy 1:5, 2 Timothy 3:14-15**

He was loyal.

**Timothy’s work in the Church.**

**He was an encourager.**

**He was to be despised by no one.** **1 Corinthians 16:10-11**

**He was a true son in the faith.** **1 Timothy 1:2**

**He was an example to all.**

Timothy was taught and commanded to teach and be an example. **1 Timothy 4:11-16**

He was to be a leader, to read scripture and to exhort others. **1 Corinthians 4:17**

**He was to be strong.** **2 Timothy 1:7**

**He was not to waiver.** **1 Timothy 1:3-5**

**He was to be a teacher in truth.** **1 Timothy 4:6**

**He reminded the rich not to trust in riches that would pass away. 1 Timothy 6:17**

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