PAUL’S RIGHT HAND
2 TIMOTHY 1:4 / 1-26 / 20 / P.M.

I. HIS LIFE

A. He came from a mixed background.

1. His father was Greek, but his mother was Jewish—Acts 16:1.
   a. Apparently, his father was not a believer.

2. It’s also possible that he died and that’s why his mother and grandmother brought him up in the Christian faith—2 Tim. 1:5.

2. His home town was Lystra. Lystra was in Asia Minor, modern day Turkey (Acts 16:1.)

B. He helped Paul in the ministry.

1. He joined both Paul and Silas during their second journey. Paul baptized him so he could effectively witness to Jews—Acts 16:3.

2. Apparently, Timothy was very young when he joined Paul, possibly around 20—1 Tim. 4:12.

3. He aided Paul in writing six N.T. books— (2 Cor. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:1; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1 and Philemon 1:1). Galatians 6:1 may mean Paul had either poor eyesight or failing eyesight due to some disease—Gal. 6:11.

2 Corinthians 1:1
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the church of God in Corinth...

Galatians 6:11
See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

4. Paul sent him to various places as his messenger or emissary—1 Cor. 4:17, Phil 2:19-23; 1 Thess. 3:6.

5. He may have been sickly—1 Tim. 5:23.
C. If Timothy had a weakness it would be his apparent *timidity*—2 Tim. 1:7.

D. **Strengths**
   3. *Faithful*—1 Cor. 4:17a.

II. **HIS LESSONS**
   1. God can use you regardless of your *past*.
   2. Be *thankful* if you grew up in a Christian home.
   3. Use your *talents* and gifts for the Lord—2 Tim. 1:6.
   4. Expect to be *criticized* for your faith—2 Tim. 3:12.
   5. Serve God even if you’re not in the *limelight*.
   6. Not feeling *good* may not be a good excuse for not serving the Lord.
   7. God can use even timid, *quiet* or withdrawn people.
   8. Our *reputation* is an effective witnessing tool.
   9. Barnabus and Timothy were both *encouragers* and we should be too.
   10. We should never stop *studying* God’s word—2 Timothy 2:15.