

THE FIRST AND SECOND LETTERS TO TIMOTHY

The letter below is a selection, paraphrased and shortened, of some advice that was given to Timothy, a young Christian in the early Church. The words that appear in CAPITAL LETTERS, however, are not in the right place. Refer to the Bible passages in First and Second Timothy noted at the end of each sentence or phrase to reconstruct the letter so that it reflects the message that is attributed to Paul.

Dear Timothy,

*Train yourself in devotion to God, since it holds a **GIFT** of life (1 Tim 4:7–8). Do not let anyone criticize your efforts just because you are young; rather, set an **ETERNAL LIFE**. Do not neglect the **QUARRELS** you have (1 Tim 4:12–14). Dress with **EXAMPLE** (1 Tim 2:9). **PROCLAIM** profane conversation (2 Tim 2:16). Do not engage in foolish and ignorant debates for you know that will lead to **MODESTY** (2 Tim 2:23). Treat all people with respect, as if they were **YOUTHFUL** (1 Tim 5:1–2). Be **CONVENIENT** through the grace of Jesus; endure your share of **PROMISE** (2 Tim 2:1–3). Do your best to present yourself as acceptable to **YOUR FAMILY** (2 Tim 2:15). Turn from your **HARDSHIP** passions and desires and pursue virtue (2 Tim 2:22). Remain **STRONG** to what you have learned and believe (2 Tim 3:14). **AVOID** the word; be persistent whether it is **FAITHFUL** or inconvenient (2 Tim 4:2). Fight the good fight of faith and secure the **GOD** to which you were called, and for which you were created (1 Tim 6:12).*

The grace of the Lord be with you,

Paul

Dear Timothy,

Train yourself in devotion to God, since it holds a _____ of life. Do not let anyone criticize your efforts just because you are young; rather, set an _____. Do not neglect the _____ you have. Dress with _____. _____ profane conversation. Do not engage in foolish and ignorant debates for you know that will lead to _____. Treat all people with respect, as if they were _____. Be _____ through the grace of Jesus; endure your share of _____. Do your best to present yourself as acceptable to _____. Turn from your _____ passions and desires, and pursue virtue. Remain _____ to what you have learned and believe. _____ the word; be persistent whether it is _____ or inconvenient. Fight the good fight of faith and secure the _____ _____ to which you were called and for which you were created.

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