Greetings to the Church in Montreal from the church in **Buffalo**







TIMOTHY — A GENUINE CHILD WHO BECAME A MAN OF GOD WITH COMMITMENT

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

12 Fight the good fight of the faith...

(1 Timothy 6:11-12a)

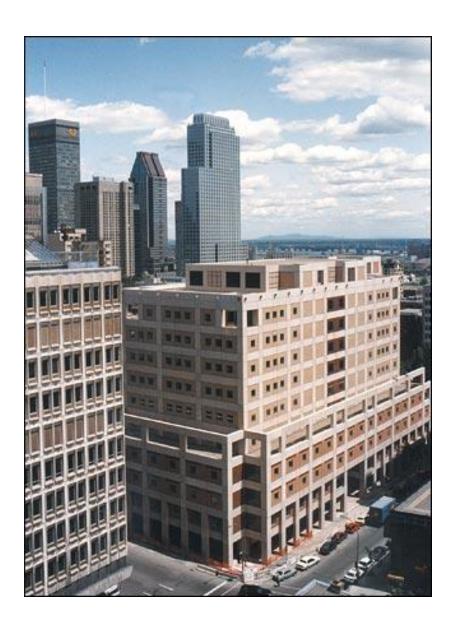
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- Timothy's History
- Timothy's Commitment
- Timothy's Person and Equipping

- May have received the Lord during Paul's visit to Lystra (Acts 14:8-20)
- Paul both healed & was healed
- Possibly 16-18 years old AD 48
- Consider him as a freshman in college or university







- Paul took Timothy with him when he returned to Lystra (Acts 16:1)
- Possibly 19-21 years old AD 51
- Designated '3rd guy' when he left Lystra with Paul and Silas (Acts 16:1)

- Timothy was left with Silas in Berea to care for new believers and reported to Paul the condition of the believers in Macedonia (Acts 17:14-15; 18:5; 1 Thess. 3:6)
- 22 years old AD 52



- Timothy was with Paul in Ephesus when Paul wrote 1 Corinthians (1 Cor. 4:17; 16:10) during Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey.
- Timothy was sent with Erastus to Macedonia while Paul remained in Asia on (Acts 19:22)
- 28 years old AD 58
- Now 1st name mentioned
- Timothy was with Paul in Macedonia and Corinth when 2 Corinthians and Romans were written (2 Cor. 1:1, 19; Rom. 16:21)

- Timothy probably traveled with Paul all the way to Rome where Timothy is mentioned in Philippians (1:1)
- 32 years old 62 AD
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- Timothy was left by Paul in Ephesus to shepherd the church when Paul traveled to visit the churches in Macedonia (1 Tim. 1:3).
- Paul wrote to Timothy from Macedonia the book of 1 Timothy
- 37 years old AD 67

- Paul was arrested and imprisoned again. He wrote to Timothy and encouraged Timothy to come to him quickly (2 Tim. 4:9, 21) because of Paul's approaching martyrdom.
- 38 years old AD 68
- Possibly died with Paul

 When Timothy was younger, he assisted others in shepherding new believers

Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. (Acts 17:14)

As he matured, Timothy was sent by Paul to shepherd

And [Paul] having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while. (Acts 19:22)

That is why I sent you Timothy my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. (1 Cor 4:17)

- Eventually as Paul's co-worker he was left in Ephesus to:
- 1) Nourish the church with the words of the sound (healthy) teaching (1 Tim. 4:6, 13, 16)
- 2) Be a pattern to the believers

 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set
 the believers an example in speech, in conduct,

in love, in faith, in purity. (1 Tim. 4:12)

- 3) Practice the things that he learned from Paul Practice these things, immerse yourself in them so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Tim. 4:15-16)
- 4) Establish and strengthen the church administration (1 Tim. 3; 5:17-25)

- 5) Practically shepherd believers of different ages and statuses (1 Tim 5:1-16; 6:1-10; 17-19)
- 6) To fight to take hold of eternal life

 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of
 the eternal life to which you were called and
 about which you made the good confession in
 the presence of many witnesses. (1 Tim. 6:12)

Born into family of sincere (unfeigned) faith

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. (2 Tim. 1:5)

- Paul's genuine (true) child in the faith
 To Timothy, my true child in the faith:...This
 charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child,...To
 Timothy, my beloved child: (1Tim. 1:2, 18; 2
 Tim. 1:2)
- Vincent ... It means <u>natural</u> by <u>birth</u>-relation, therefore true or genuine.

A spirit of power, love, self-control

for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control(2 Tim 1:7)

The gift of God, the good deposit

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, (2 Tim 1:6)

By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. (2 Tim. 1:14)

O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. (1Tim. 6:20)

 Having Paul as a pattern Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim. 1:13) and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2) Tim. 2:2)

Having Paul as a pattern

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yetfrom them all the Lord rescued me. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it (2 Tim. 3:10-11, 14)

Healthy companions

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. (2 Tim. 2:22)

 Knowing and being in the word ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of Godmay be

competent, equipped for every good work. (2

Tim 3:15-17);

Exercises to be equipped through the Word

1) Reading

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. (1 Tim. 4:13)

2) Memorizing

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Col. 3:16)

Exercises to be equipped through the Word

3) Praying

(and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, (Eph. 6:17-18)

Exercises to be equipped through the Word

- Journaling (for exhortation)
- Oct 6, 2010
- Jer 2—v6 They (your fathers) did not say, v8
 the priests did not say WHERE IS JEHOVAH?
 v8b the prophets prophesied by Baal. v9
 Therefore I will contend with you.
- Jer 3—spoken at least 80 years after fall of northern kingdom.

Oct 12, 2010

- Jer 7:1-11—immoral conduct and religious observance don't go together
- vv 22-23—obey voice, incline ear, & you will walk in all my ways higher NOT burnt offering & sacrifices

Oct 13, 2010

- v24 walked in their <u>own counsels</u> and in the <u>stubbornness of</u> <u>their evil heart & went backward and not forward</u>
- vv25-26—Since the day...out of Egypt until now...I have sent the prophets...Yet they did not listen to me or incline their ear, but <u>stiffened their neck</u>
- v28—this is the nation that did not obey the voice of Jehovah