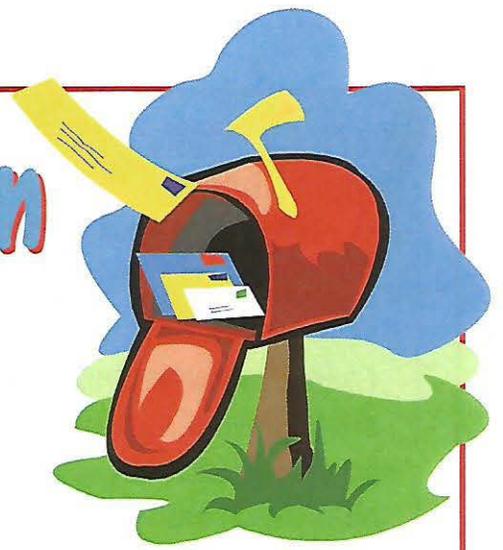


Letters From Heaven



Lesson 7

Keep the Faith!

Theme: Faithfulness—Learning the Scriptures in order to be soldiers for Christ

Memory Verse

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 1 Timothy 1:5-7; 4:11-16
- 2 1 Timothy 6:7-12, 17-21
- 3 2 Timothy 1:1-8, 12-14
- 4 2 Timothy 2:1-10, 15-17
- 5 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:1-8

Paul made three long trips to preach the gospel in many places. On one of these trips, Paul met Timothy and asked Timothy to go with him. Timothy was much younger than Paul, but they became good friends and brothers in the Lord. Paul knew Timothy had great faith, and he knew Timothy would do good work for God. Sometimes Paul and Timothy worked together, and sometimes they worked in different places. At times when they were apart, Paul wrote Timothy letters we call First

After this lesson you should be able to ...

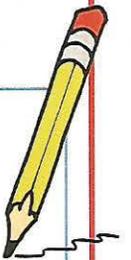
- Tell why Paul wrote letters to Timothy.
- List at least two ways Christians are to be like soldiers.
- Identify two things we should do with God’s Word.

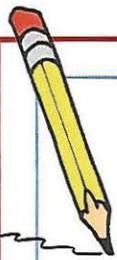
1 Timothy 1:5-7; 4:11-16

Cross out the incorrect answers.

Paul’s letter encouraged Timothy to have a) love from a pure heart, b) more money, c) a good conscience, d) sincere faith, e) longer sermons.

Timothy was to be an example to others in his a) muscles, b) speech, c) love, d) conduct, e) good looks, f) faith, g) singing, h) purity.





1 Timothy 6:7-12, 17-21

The root of all kinds of evil is a) money, b) the love of money, c) arguing.

Underline all correct answers. People who are rich in things of the world are to a) share, b) give it all away, c) rely on it to get to heaven, d) enjoy it.

and Second Timothy. In the letters, Paul encouraged Timothy to keep serving God.

Growing Up to Know God

Timothy learned about God when he was a child. His grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice taught him about Jesus. As he grew older, Timothy came to believe what he had been taught.

He learned God's Word from his mother and grandmother, but he had to believe and obey it himself.

It is wonderful to learn about Jesus when we are children. This way we can learn more and more about Him and come to be strong believers. If your parents are bringing you to Bible class and are teaching you to obey God, you should thank them and thank God for them. You can decide to love and obey God your whole life. Someday you may have your own children, and then you can teach them about Jesus, too.

Fighting the Good Fight

Paul wanted to help and encourage Timothy because he would continue the work of the Lord when Paul couldn't do it any longer. Paul described Timothy as a soldier in the Lord's army. Paul told Timothy to fight the good fight of faith. Paul knew that some people turned away from God's Word and taught things that were wrong. Paul wanted Timothy to read God's Word, obey it, and teach it to others.

Though Timothy was young, he could be an example for others. Paul told Timothy to be careful about his words and behavior. He taught him to love, believe, and keep himself pure. Paul fought the good fight all the way to the end of his life, and he wanted Timothy and all of us to do the same. Are you fighting the good fight of faith?

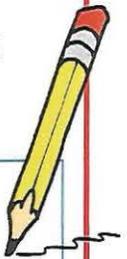
Preaching the Word

Paul also wrote to Timothy about being a good servant of Jesus Christ in teaching and preaching the gospel. To do this, Timothy would have to handle God's Word carefully. He would have to know and follow it. This way, Timothy would be saved and help others be saved.

God wants His Word taught and preached. Parents should teach the Word to their children, as Timothy's grandmother and mother taught him.

2 Timothy 1:1-8, 12-14

Timothy saw sincere faith in his:
a) mother and father, b) mother and brother, c) mother and grandmother.



2 Timothy 2:1-10, 15-17

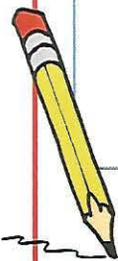
Match the following:

Good athlete	Receives a share
Approved workman	Suffers hardship
Hard-working farmer	Gets a prize
Good soldier	Is not ashamed

What was Timothy to do with the “word of truth?”

Timothy was to teach God’s Word to other men of faith, so that they could teach others. Paul called the church “the pillar and support of the truth.” This means the church has the responsibility of teaching and practicing the truth of God. Sometimes it is hard to teach God’s Word. Some people want to hear the Word, but others don’t. Paul told Timothy to preach the Word at all times and in all situations.

Young people today should think about teaching and preaching God’s Word. Think about being a preacher or a preacher’s wife. But most importantly, think about having strong faith and fighting the good fight of faith your whole life.

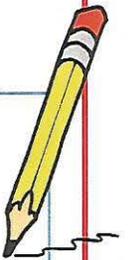


2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:1-8

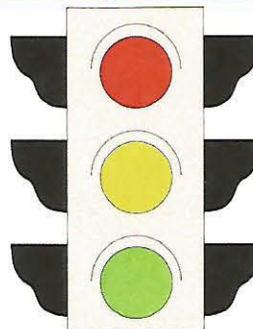
Timothy learned the sacred writings or the Word of God when he was a child. Paul said that these writings are able to give wisdom that leads to _____.

List the three things Paul did to serve the Lord his whole life.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



I thank my parents
for taking me to Bible
Class.

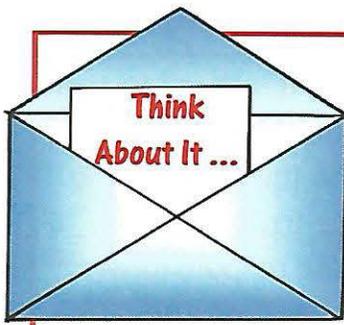


Put an X in the light
that best describes you.

Red — never

Yellow — sometimes

Green — often



Rob and Randy are your friends. Rob is a lot of fun. But once when he got caught shooting spitballs, he blamed it on you. Later he apologized, but a couple of days later he tried to blame you for something else. But you really love being around him because he is so much fun. Randy is a quiet guy, but he always helps you when you need it. Which of these guys can you really count on and why?

As a servant and soldier of Jesus, what can you do so He can count on you?

Write the first letter of each book of the entire Bible. For Genesis, write "G," for Exodus, write "E," and so on.



What is the book of Hebrews about?

On a map inside the back cover, locate the city of Caesarea.