

"Before Time"

- 1. God knew the end of Paul's life & service from its beginning. Isaiah 46:10 (KJV) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:
- 2. **Psalm 147:4** He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

2nd Timothy 1:1-6

Faith is Caught More than Taught

- 1. **Grandparents:** Lois a Jew (grandma) the first in the Lord. **Parents:** Eunice (mom) her husband was Greek. Paul has Timothy circumcised so Jews would accept him.
- 2. **Spiritual Leaders:** Be an example in life. (Your actions do speak louder than words.) This became popular after Abraham Lincoln used it in speaking to the Southern leaders.

2nd Timothy 1:7-8

Boldness From the Holy Spirit

- 1. V:7 <u>Timidity</u> (Fear) KJV a lack of courage/confidence. Your trusting only in your senses or knowledge and not leaning enough on the Spirit.
- 2. **Power:** Dunamis (Greek) the power to know when to perform. Know when to blast to create not to destroy.
- 3. **Love:** Agape (Greek) God's love. In spite of kind of love. This will fight CTR Critical Race Theory.
- 4. **Self-discipline:** A sound mind (KJV). People need to see the stability of your thought process.

Built-in Grace

- 1. **Salvation and the call** to a holy life, is not by our might or power but by God's Grace.
- 2. **V:9 Grace** before time began. (The lamb)
- 3. **Understanding** the deeper meaning of Grace comes from following Jesus' life. Ex.
- 4. Titus 2:11-13 "The Grace of God teaches us to say no in this present age, while we wait for the appearing of Jesus Christ." (Taken from the Scripture)
- 5. **Grace teaches** us to say no to the wrong things and how to live upright in this age.
- 6. By Grace we wait for Jesus.
- 7. While waiting we are an example.

2nd Timothy 1:13-18

Guard the Good Deposit

- 1. **V:13** Develop a pattern of being sound, steady, and ready.
- 2. V:14 Partner with the Holy Spirit in all that you do.
- 3. V:15-17 Value relationships even the ones that weren't good to you.