

2 TIMOTHY MOTIVATION FOR A SPIRITUAL SON

I. THE INTRODUCTION

A. The Setting

1. This letter was written in the year A. D. _____ when _____ of Christians was on the rise, which can be ascribed to Emperor Nero (37-68 AD).

2. False teaching had increased between the two letters of 1 & 2 Timothy, so Paul wrote this composition to his young protégé to _____ him to be on _____. (1 Tim. 1:3-7; 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:16-19, 23; 3:8, 13)

B. The Salutation (1:1-2)

1. *The WRITER* (v. 1)
 - a. Paul was an apostle personally _____ by Jesus Christ; thus this was the _____ of God the Father. (Gal. 1:1, 11-12, 15-16; 1 Tim. 1:1)

* Why would Paul mention his apostleship in such a personal letter to a close friend?

 - b. If there had not first been a “ _____ of _____ ” to proclaim, there certainly wouldn’t have been a _____ for an apostle to preach it.

 - c. When Paul wrote 1 Timothy and Titus he was a _____ man; but when he penned 2 Timothy he had been arrested in Troas and imprisoned in _____ for the last time. (2 Tim. 4:6-8, 13)

 - d. Paul knew that the time of his _____ was at hand, and so he wanted to pass the mantle of truth on to his most devoted _____ in the faith. (2 Tim. 2:2, 15)

2. *The RECIPIENT(S)* (v. 2a)

- a. Timothy is referred to as Paul's " _____," and this emphasized the admiration and affection that the apostle had for his young apprentice. (1 Tim. 1:2)
- b. While Timothy was faithful, _____ and sound in doctrine, his personality was such that he was _____, and it seems he was not as prone to take a hard stand when needed. (1 Tim. 4:12-14; 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:6-8; 2:1-3)

3. *The GREETING* (v. 2b)

- a. Paul's usual greeting of "*grace and peace*" has the added compassionate word "*mercy*" in the _____ Epistles; and this is because every _____ needs mercy from the Lord and from people.

(1) "*Grace*"-

(2) "*Mercy*"-

(3) "*Peace*"-

- b. Paul thinks of this triad of _____ as stemming from "*God the _____*."

- c. Christ Jesus is referred to no less than three times; how the apostle _____ to dwell on the most amazing _____ who held that name.

* How can you personally apply this truth today?