

70. Paul, Spiritual Father to Timothy

I am not writing these things to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children. For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you. So I ask you to follow my example and do as I do.

That is the very reason I am sending Timothy—to help you do this. For he is my beloved and trustworthy child in the Lord. He will remind you of what I teach about Christ Jesus in all the churches wherever I go.

I know that some of you have become arrogant, thinking I will never visit you again. But I will come—and soon—if the Lord will let me, and then I'll find out whether these arrogant people are just big talkers or whether they really have God's power. For the Kingdom of God is not just fancy talk; it is living by God's power. Which do you choose? Should I come with punishment and scolding, or should I come with quiet love and gentleness? (1 Corinthians 4:14-21 KJV)

To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 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. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:2-7 NIV)



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ARROGANT	LAYING	SINCERE
CONSCIENCE	MERCY	SOON
CONSTANTLY	PEACE	SPIRITUAL
EUNICE	PUNISHMENT	TALKERS
FANCY	QUIET	TEARS
FLAME	RECALLING	THOUSAND
FOREFATHERS	REMIND	TIMIDITY
GENTLENESS	SCOLDING	TRUSTWORTHY
GIFT	SELF	VISIT
GRANDMOTHER	SHAME	WARN