

The Priceless Gift of Sincere Faith

Introduction:

A. *"I am reminded of your sincere faith..." (2 Tim 1:5).*

1. *"I" — "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God..." (1:1).*
2. *"Your" — "To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace..." (1:2). Why?*
 - a. Because Timothy was a _____.
 - b. Because Timothy was a _____. (*Acts 16:1a*).
 - c. Because Timothy was _____. (*1 Tim 4:12; 2 Tim 2:22*).
 - d. Because Timothy had been _____. (*1 Tim 1:3*).
 - e. Because Timothy's charge was not _____.
 - f. Because Timothy's charge had a specific _____. (*1 Tim 1:5*).
 - g. Because such is the wish of a spiritual parent for his/her _____. (*2 Tim 1:2-4*).

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- A. *"Sincere" (Rom 12:9; 2 Cor 6:1-10; James 3:13-17; 1 Pet 1:22-24).*
- B. *"Faith" (Heb 11:1).*
- C. A snapshot of Timothy's *"sincere faith"* (*Phil 2:19-22*).

II. Sincere faith: from where does it come?

- A. *"From hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Rom 10:17).*
- B. The aim? To bring about obedience to the gospel (*Rom 10:16; 1:5-6; 16:25-27*).

III. Sincere faith: in what way is it a priceless gift?

- A. *"...a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice" (2 Tim 1:5a).*
- B. *"...and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well" (2 Tim 1:5b).*