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## Leaving A Legacy: A Study In 2 Timothy

“Encouragement”

2 Timothy 1:1-7

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Introduction: Today we begin a new study where we will work through the book of 2 Timothy.

1. 2 Timothy is a very personal book, written from a Roman prison by Paul to Timothy, who was overseeing the work in Ephesus.
2. The context is the key to understanding this letter.
  - In A.D. 61, Paul is released from the Roman imprisonment recorded in Acts.
  - Paul visits Ephesus, leaving Timothy to oversee the work.
  - He travels to Macedonia where he writes 1 Timothy.
  - He then visits Crete, leaving Titus to oversee the work there.
  - He travels to Nicopolis where he writes Titus.
  - He may have taken a fourth missionary journey.
  - He visits Troas, is rearrested, and eventually martyred.
3. Paul knows he is about to die; this letter suggests he sees Timothy as his successor, so these words are important.
4. He knows what Timothy is facing, he knows Timothy's makeup, so he begins by encouraging Timothy.

### I. God's Work In Timothy

- A. Through Paul
- B. Through Family
- C. Through Holy Spirit

### II. God's Provision To Timothy

- A. No Fear
- B. Power
- C. Love
- D. A Sound Mind

Conclusion: Timothy had immense responsibility.

1. Timothy faces extreme opposition.
2. Timothy would soon lose Paul's leadership.
3. It would be easy to give up, Paul knew that.
4. That is why he starts with encouragement.
5. He knew what God had done in Timothy's life.
6. He also knew what God provides.
7. He gives Timothy a reminder.
8. When you get discouraged, take a lesson from Paul.
  - Remember God's work in you.
  - Remember God's provision for you.
9. And hang in there!