

AN UNLIKELY OVERCOMER

1 TIMOTY 1

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- I) Timothy – An Unlikely Overcomer
- A) Paul’s beloved son. *Teknon* (GK) ‘offspring, warm close relationship’
1Tim.1:2,18; 2Tim.1:2; 2:1; 1 Thes. 2:7,11; Rom.8:16,21; John 1:12; 1 John 3:1
1. CONVERTED on Paul’s first missionary journey. Acts 14:8-20 (Lystra)
1Cor.4:14-17
 2. COMMITTED TO THE CAUSE. Invited to join traveling apostolic team. Acts 16:1-5
 - a) Well reported of – from *marturio* ‘witness, martyr, good report’
Acts 6:3; 10:22; 22:12; Heb.11:2, 39; 3 John 12
Name Timothy means ‘honoring God’
 - b) Willing to do the Unnecessary – circumcised. Acts 15; Gal.6:14,15
 - **1Cor.9:19-27**
 - c) Willing to Suffer and Die. **2 Tim.3:10-13**
REMEMBER THE STONING! ACTS 14:19-23 (Timothy would have heard that message!)
 3. CONTINUED PAUL’S MINISTRY- Berea (Acts 17:14), Corinth (Acts 18:5; 1 Cor.4:16,17; 10: 10,11) Macedonia (Acts 19:22; 20:4), Thessalonica (1Thes.3:1-10), Ephesus (1 Tim.1:3)
- B) EARLY LIFE –Dad a nonbeliever and Mom and Grandma believers Acts 16:1; 2Tim.1:5; 2Tim.3:14-16
- C) SHORTCOMINGS
1. Too Young – 1 Tim.4:12; 2 Tim.2:22
 2. Sickly – 1 Tim. 5:23
 3. **TIMID – “TIMID TIMOTHY” 2 Tim.1:7**
Dahlia (GK) ‘ To flee in the face of an enemy’
Phobos (GK) ‘Fear’ 1 Cor.16:10
Epaiskunomai (GK) ‘to change the face =be ashamed’ 2 Tim.1:8,12,16
(Mk.8:38; Lk. 9:26; Rom. 12:21; 1 Pet.4:16; Heb.2:11; Heb.11:16)
Don’t be ashamed of testimony of our Lord – (8) 1 Tim.2:15; Phil1:20 or of Paul as a prisoner - Heb.13:3; Phil. 1: 28-30
 4. Timid to minister – 2 Tim.1:6-10; 1 Tim.4:12-15

TIMOTHY OVERCAME ALL THESE SHORTCOMINGS TO BE GREATLY USED BY GOD!

- Phil.2:19-22; 1 Cor.16:10;
- Timothy went to jail for Jesus – Heb.13:23

II) An Unlikely Key to Overcoming

Timothy was **FAITHFUL** – 1 Cor.4:1,2,17; 16:10

Faithfulness is the INDESPENSIBLE QUALITY FOR OVERCOMING!

Matt.25:21,23; Luke 19:17; Rev.2:10-13; Rev. 17:14

(servants – Eph.6:21; Col.1:2,7;4:7,9; 1 Pet.5:12)

A) Faithful *Pistos* from *Pistis* – To be able to have someone place full faith in you, to be trustworthy'. 1 Tim. 1:12,15; 3:1; 4:9; 3:11; 4:3,10,12; 5:16; 6:2; 2

Tim.2:2,11,13

B) Faithful in Hebrew is *'aman* – 'to build up, support, of long continuance, steadfast, sure, faithful. Prov.25:19; 20:6; 28:20; 11:13; Dan.6:4; Psalm 31:23; 101:6

C) "Faith Centered Stewardship" 1 Tim.1:4 (Hendricksen).

Oikonomean (GK) stewardship , 'over a house'. Col.1:25; 1 Cor.9:17; Eph.3:23; 1 Pet.4:10; 1 Cor.4:1,2

D) Fight the Good Fight by holding to what God says about you. 1Tim.1:18,19

III) An Unlikely Convert – Paul. 1 Tim.1:12-17

"because He considered me faithful..."

A) Strengthened Me (12) *endunamoo* (GK) 'to endue with power, make strong' Rom.4:2; Phil.4:13; Eph.6:10; 2 Tim.4:17

B) Put Me in the Ministry (12) 1 Tim.1:1; Rom.1:1; 1Cor.1:1; 2Cor.1;1; Eph.1:1; Col.1:1; *Gal.1:1,15,16; Luke 16:10-13

C) SUPERABUNDANT GRACE(14) *hyperpleonasen*(GK) 'way beyond abundant' Paul's past and conversion – "blasphemer, persecutor, violent aggressor" NASV Acts 9:1,2; 8:1ff; 26:9-11; Phil. 3:9-11

Faithful saying, (You can put your full faith on it!) **JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS!** Luke 9:51-56; Luke 19:10; John 3:17