

“Reminders”
2 Timothy 1:1-7

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Paul’s example is to remind Timothy of key truths designed to help him maintain loyalty and steadfastness in suffering.

Reminder #1: CLING TO THE PROMISE OF LIFE IN CHRIST.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 2 Timothy 1:1-2 (English Standard Version)

“life” = Greek = zoe = spiritual life

“in Christ Jesus” = in union with Christ

See Ephesians 3:17; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 2:11-15. See also 2 Timothy 1:9; Romans 8:38-39; Ephesians 1:7; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 1:2.

Reminder #2: GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL HERITAGE OF FAITH.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 2 Timothy 1:3-5 (ESV)

Three Aspects of Faith

- Belief in the truth about Christ's life, death and resurrection.
- Personal trust in Jesus Christ.
- Demonstration of faithfulness and loyalty throughout life.

Reminder #3: PASSIONATELY PURSUE THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN.

For this reason I remind you to keep alive the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ⁷For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:6-7 (Good News Bible)

TAKE-HOME TRUTH: One of the best ways to encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ is to give a timely reminder of God's truth, spoken in love.