

### Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Jesus, it was God's will that Paul be Jesus' messenger, i.e., that he spread the message of the life that is found in Messiah Jesus, 1:1. Paul wishes Timothy grace, mercy and peace from Jesus our Lord, 1:2. Paul urges Timothy not to be ashamed of Jesus' Goodnews nor of Paul, who's currently imprisoned in Rome. Instead, Timothy should rely on God's power which will enable him to suffer alongside Paul for spreading Jesus' Goodnews, 1:8. God didn't save or call Timothy or Paul to the mission field because of their greatness. Instead, it was based on God's purpose and grace, which God benevolently gave them in Christ Jesus, 1:9. God's purpose and grace has been revealed in our Savior Jesus Christ who's Goodnews is this: He has abolished death and made life and immortality available to all, 1:9-10. Paul is willing to suffer and give up his life to spread Jesus' Goodnews because he's absolutely certain that Jesus will protect what Paul entrusted to Him: his life and future, 1:10-12. Paul wants Timothy to cling to the practical example of the sound teaching that he gave him and he wants him to know that the ability to trust and love what Jesus said is found only in Jesus, 1:13.
2. God, it was God's will that Paul proclaim to the world that Jesus is the only one in whom is found the promise of life, 1:1. Paul wishes Timothy grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, 1:2. Paul thanks God for Timothy's love for him and for his faith in the Lord, 1:3-5. Paul wants Timothy to rekindle the gift that God gave him, the one that's inside him, 1:6. Paul encourages Timothy by reminding him that God didn't give him a spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a disciplined mind, 1:7. Since God gave Timothy a Spirit of power, love, and a disciplined mind, Paul wants him not to be ashamed of Jesus' Goodnews. Instead, he wants Timothy to rely on God's power which will enable him to spread Jesus' Goodnews even if it means suffering alongside Paul, 1:7-8. God didn't save or call Timothy or Paul because they were so awesome; it was based on God's purpose and grace, which He showered on them because of His Son, Jesus Christ, 1:9.
3. Jesus owns life and controls death, the message that God appointed Paul to proclaim is that there is only one individual who owns life: Jesus Christ, i.e., the promise of life is found in Him and Him alone, 1:1. God's purpose and grace has been revealed by the appearing of Jesus Christ, i.e., He is the Savior who has abolished death and made life and immortality available to all through His Goodnews, 1:9-10.
4. Living by and spreading what Jesus said, His Goodnews, God appointed Paul to spread Jesus' message, His Goodnews that He's the only one who has the promise of life, 1:1. Paul has lived by Jesus' words faithfully, as his forefathers did, which is why he has a clear conscience, 1:3. God has given us the ability to live by Jesus' words, i.e., He's given us a Spirit of power, love, and a disciplined mind, 1:7. Paul doesn't want Timothy to be ashamed of Jesus' Goodnews nor of him even though he's imprisoned in Rome. Instead, he wants him to rely on God's power to spread Jesus' Goodnews even if it means suffering alongside Paul, 1:8. The Goodnews Jesus wants us to spread is that He has abolished death and made life and immortality available to everyone, 1:10. God appointed Paul not only to preach the Goodnews of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles but to show them how to live by it, 1:10-11. Paul is willing live by everything Jesus told him and spread His Goodnews even though he's suffering terribly for it because he's absolutely certain that Jesus can protect everything Paul put in His trust: his life and future, 1:12. Everyone in Asia has turned their backs on what Jesus said and therefore on Paul. But there was one man who didn't turn his back: Onesiphorus. He was bold in his support of Paul visiting him and providing for him while he was imprisoned in Rome. Therefore, Paul asks the Lord to reward Onesiphorus when the Lord returns, 1:15-18.