

**EXPOSITORY SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS, #41**  
**Section Three, “The Foreign Emphasis,” Part One**  
**“Paul is a Pioneer for the Continuation of the Church,” #10**  
**“Paul Expands the Church- The 2nd Missionary Journey,” Part One**  
**“The Expanding Church Experiences Fruitful Progress,” #1**  
**“Another Preacher is Added,” 16:1-5**  
**Dr. Greg Tyree, BBC, PM, February 13, 2005**

***INTRODUCTION:***

Since we are in the forty-first installment of this series, it will be beneficial to review where we have been.

*I. THE FOUNDING EMPHASIS OF THE EARLY CHURCH- SIMON (2:1-5:42).*

- A. The Church’s Testimony (chapter 2).*
- B. The Church’s Triumph (chapters 3 and 4).*
- C. The Church’s Treachery (chapter 5).*

*II. THE FORWARD EMPHASIS OF THE EARLY CHURCH- STEPHEN (6:1-12:25).*

- A. New Voices for the Church (chapters 6-8).*
  - 1. The Church’s First Ministers.*
  - 2. The Church’s First Martyr.*
  - 3. The Church’s First Missionary.*
- B. New Victories for the Church (chapters 9-12).*

*III. THE FOREIGN EMPHASIS OF THE EARLY CHURCH- SAUL (chapters 13-28).*

- A. Paul is a Pioneer for the Continuation of the Church (chapters 13-21).*
  - 1. Paul Exclaims the Christ- the First Missionary Journey (chapters 13-15). And now we begin...*
  - 2. Paul Expands the Church- the Second Missionary Journey (chapters 16-18a).*

***SneakPreview:*** Successful ministry requires exceptional Christians; Successful Christians require exceptional Mentors; Successful Mentors require exceptional Humility.

***PROPOSITION:*** This passage teaches us three areas of Timothy's life that will encourage us and motivate us toward greater humility and commitment to the Lord.

***I. THE CHARACTER OF TIMOTHY IS IMPECCABLE. Vss. 1, 2.***

A. Timothy's Faith was Maturely ***Established***. Vs. 1a.

B. Timothy's Faith was Maternally ***Embedded***. Vs. 1b.

C. Timothy's Faith was Much ***Expressed***. Vs. 2.

***LifePoint One:*** While the Marines are looking for a "few good men," the Lord is looking for a "few godly men." Timothy was definitely one of those godly men. The question is, will each of us be one of those godly men or women?

***II. THE COMMITMENT OF TIMOTHY IS IMPRESSIVE. Vs. 3.***

A. Paul was ***Impressed*** with Timothy's Maturity. Vs. 3a.

B. Paul ***Initiated*** Timothy for the Ministry. Vs. 3b.

***LifePoint Two:*** Christianity can often call us to sacrifice. In a world of "instant gratification" and easy convenience, we must be prepared, like Timothy, to sacrifice all for the Lord.

***III. THE COMPETENCY OF TIMOTHY IS ILLUSTRATED. Vss. 4, 5.***

A. Timothy ***Cooperated*** with the Apostles' System. Vs. 4a.

B. Timothy ***Communicated*** the Apostles' Statutes. Vs. 4b.

C. Timothy ***Confirmed*** the Apostles' Success. Vs. 5.

***LifePoint Three:*** Like Timothy, we must not promote our own agenda, but the Lord's plan. The Lord's way is not only the best way, it is the only way!

***APPLICATION:***

***PowerPoint:*** If we want our church to experience fruitful progress, like the churches of Paul's Second Journey, we must have the character, commitment, and competency of Timothy.