McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title & Text: “How Can I Say Thanks?” (2 Timothy 1:1-7)

INTRODUCTION:

1. “The Blessing Bag” written by Karen O’Connor.
2. Transition to Paul’s situation and attitude as he wrote to Timothy.
3. In the opening paragraph (vss. 1-7), Paul \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his “dear son” Timothy.
4. Paul identifies three major influences which shaped Timothy into the man of God he was.

**GODLY PARENTS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 5).
2. Three suggestions if your “family of origin” was less than ideal.
3. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the past.
4. Thank God that you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for your children.

By your teaching, example, and prayer (see 1 Cor. 7:12-14).

**GODLY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

The apostle Paul was Timothy’s friend and mentor!

1. The human instrument of Timothy’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2).
2. He trained Timothy as his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. He appointed Timothy as his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. He regularly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Timothy (vs. 3).

Making It Personal:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God for the person(s) who have/are mentoring you!
* Make sure \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are mentoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**GOD’S SPECIAL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (vss. 6-7)

“The **gift** of God” is **χάρισμα *charisma*** (fr. **χάρις cháris** = “grace”)

- See 1 Timothy 4:14

- Compare Ephesians 4:11

Making It Personal:

1. If you’re saved, you too are a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s grace.
2. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grace (Eph. 2:8-9)
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“Grace” is power; . . . divine strength given to us so we can live in new ways that please God and so we can serve effectively for God.

1. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grace.

This form of grace is the focus of 1 Tim. 1:14; 2 Tim. 1:6 and others.

A “spiritual gift” (a “gift of the Spirit”) is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit enabling one to serve the needs of Christ’s body, the church.

- Romans 12:3-8

“We have different gifts (**χάρισμα**) acc. to the grace (**χάρις**) given us.”

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

- Ephesians 4:7-12

- 1 Peter 4:7-11

1. We have the responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our gift(s).

NIV Study Bible: “God’s gifts are not given in full bloom; they need to be developed through use.”

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?

Things so undeserved yet You gave to prove Your love for me.

The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude;

All that I am and ever hope to be I owe it all to Thee

To God be the glory; To God be the glory; To God be the glory,

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