

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: November 21, 2021

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.
 - A. Don't _____ the past.
 - B. Thank God that you _____ Him _____.
 - C. 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.

A. God's _____ grace (Eph. 2:8-9)

B. God's _____ grace (2 Cor. 12:9-10)
 "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.

C. 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

2. 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."

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