## The Pastoral Epistles (Letters)

- Lesson 7 -

2 Hmotny 1:1-18	Your Personal Notes:
1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, ac-	
cording to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,	
2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and	
peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.	
3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with	
pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remem-	
brance of thee in my prayers night and day;	
4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears,	
that I may be filled with joy;	
5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is	
in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and	
thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.	
6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up	
the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my	
hands.	
7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of pow-	
er, and of love, and of a sound mind.	
8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our	
Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the	
afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;	
9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling,	
not according to our works, but according to his own pur-	
pose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before	
the world began,	
10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Sav-	
iour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath	
brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:	
11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apos-	
tle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.	
12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: never-	
theless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have be-	
lieved, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that	
which I have committed unto him against that day.	
13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast	
heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.	
14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep	
by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.	
15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be	
turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Her-	
mogenes.	
16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus;	
for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my	
chain:	
17 But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very dili-	
gently, and found me.	
18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the	
Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered	

unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

## Spurgeon's Notes

- 1:3—For this Paul thanks God. He never forgot to pray for Timothy, and it is a matter of thankfulness. When we feel moved to pray, though it is for another, the spirit of prayer is essentially the same, whatever its object. And we ought to be thankful when we feel continually able to pray for a friend. Oh, but it is a good thing sincerely to follow after God. May we be helped to do so.
- 1:6—There are many kinds of gifts. All Christians have some gift; some may have but one talent, but all have at least one. Every living saint has his charge to keep, his talent over which he is a steward. A measure of gift is in all of us, needing to be stirred up. These should be used well. That which is expended in the Master's service is laid up in heaven where neither moth nor rust can corrupt.
- 1:9—How plain it is that he earnestly believed in the eternal security of believers—in their being in Christ and in their possession of grace in Christ. God's love to his people is not a thing of yesterday! He loved them before the world was made, and he will love them when the world has ceased to be.
- 1:14—This is what we need. If the Holy Spirit is in us, we shall never trifle with the truth. He is the lover and revealer of truth, and we shall press the doctrines of the Word of God and the Word of God, itself, nearer and nearer to our hearts in proportion as the Holy Spirit dwells in us.