

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**  
**GOD WANTS TO DEVELOP MATURITY**  
**BEFORE BRINGING US INTO OUR DESTINY!!!**

Sermon Series: **Perseverance (2 Timothy)**

**THE LEGACY OF FAITH**

**2 Timothy 1:1-7 NKJV**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**PROFILE OF SECOND TIMOTHY**

- Written by Paul *from a Roman prison* while under a sentence of death.
- Paul sent this *very personal* letter, with many pastoral instructions and guidelines, to Timothy, his protégé and spiritual son.
- Delivered to Timothy somewhere in Asia Minor, perhaps in the city of Ephesus.
- Paul described the moral degeneration of the last days and issued an impassioned plea for believers to remain faithful, persevering under hardship.
- Paul emphasized the need for pure doctrine, godly living, and preaching the gospel.
- The apostle emphasized the Christian's duty to live faithfully to the end, sobered by the future judgment and encouraged by our future reward.

**PROFILE OF EPHESUS**

- Ephesus - home to one of the seven wonders of the ancient world—the temple of the goddess Artemis. For the Ephesians, the temple and worship of Artemis represented economic opportunity as well as civic pride (Acts 19).
- Ephesus - reputation as a center for the learning and practice of magical arts (Acts 19:19).
- Like other major cities in the Roman Empire, Ephesus enjoyed a measure of civic self-rule.

**LEGACY** = *a thing handed down by a predecessor...*

**PERSEVERANCE** — Action or condition of steadfastness.

OT Israel waited generations for fulfillment of promises that many believers never lived to see.  
(*Resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering: steadfast loyalty.*)

**1) Perseverance displays SERVICE - 2 Timothy 1:1-4 NKJV**

Elements of Service...

**a) Compliance - 2 Timothy 1:1 NKJV**

*Compliance simply means the action or fact of complying with a wish or command:*

**b) Companionship - 2 Timothy 1:2 NKJV**

Luke 10:1 - *Jesus always sent them by two's or more, never alone.*

**c) Consistency - 2 Timothy 1:3a NKJV**

Hebrews 12:1 - *We have a cloud of witnesses.*

**d) Consecration - 2 Timothy 1:3b NKJV**

† 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NKJV

† James 5:16 NKJV

**e) Concern - 2 Timothy 1:4 NKJV**

† Acts 20:36-38 NKJV

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**2) Perseverance displays SINCERITY.**

**a) Legitimate Faith - 2 Timothy 1:5a NKJV**

**b) Legacy Faith - 2 Timothy 1:5b NKJV**

**c) Lord's Faith - 2 Timothy 1:6 NKJV**

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**3) Perseverance displays SOVEREIGNTY - 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV**

**a) What God Has Not - 1 John 4:18 NKJV**

**b) What God Has - Luke 10:19 NKJV**

† Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

† 1 Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

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