**Truth Sowers Life Group**

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**Who Was the Apostle Paul?**

**Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey**

**Introduction:**

Our key scripture for this study is:

**1 Thess 5:12, 13**

*12And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.*

### Acts 16

New King James Version (NKJV)

### Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

16 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, *the* son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father *was* Greek. 2He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. **Timothy had learned the scriptures when he was young and had apparently been saved on Paul’s first missionary journey. Some Bible Scholars believe he was probably in the group that prayed for Paul’s lifeless body at Lystra after he had been stoned.**

**2 Tim1:** **5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.**

**2 Tim3:15 and how from infancy** **you have known the holy Scriptures,** **which are able to make you wise** **for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.**

3Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took *him* and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek. **Many think that Paul circumcised Timothy because the Jews would not have listened to him if he would not have been circumcised. Timothy may have scribed Galatians and Hebrews for Paul.**

**Jews were not allowed to take Gentiles into certain parts of the temple and at this time Paul was still teaching the Jews first and then the Gentiles. This may have been the time that Timothy was ordained by the laying on of hands in the presence of a large company, probably followed by his circumcision.**

**1 Tim 4:14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.**

**2 Tim 1:** **6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.**

**1Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession** **in the presence of many witnesses.**

4And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. 5So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

### The Macedonian Call

6Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were **forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.** 7After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, **but the Spirit[**[**a**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+16&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27491a)**] did not permit them**. 8**Most of the time, God leads us by RED LIGHTS!!!** So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. **This must have been when the Galatian churches were established.** 9And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

### Lydia Baptized at Philippi

11Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next *day* came to Neapolis, 12and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; **There was no Synagogue in Philippi and it would make sense for them to have services by the river when they would have ceremonial cleansings.** and we sat down and spoke to the women who met *there.* 14Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us.* She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. 15And when she and her household were baptized, she begged *us,* saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” So she persuaded us.

### Paul and Silas Imprisoned

16Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” 18And this she did for many days. **What she was saying, was the truth but Paul just put up with it for awhile.**

**[a spirit of divination] Greek: spirit of python, or Apollo. Pytho was, according to fable, a huge serpent that had an oracle on Mt. Parnassus, famous for predicting future events. Apollo slew this serpent and was called Pythius, becoming celebrated as the foreteller of events. It was believed that all who pretended to foretell events were influenced by the spirit of Apollo Pythius. A priestess at his temple was called Pythoness. Through her, messages were delivered.   
Dake's Annotated Reference Bible: Containing the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized or King James Version Text.**

But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” **And he came out that very hour.** **Lady in Cuero in Baby Bed**19But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

20And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, “These men, **being Jews**, exceedingly trouble our city; 21and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.” 22Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. **Could this be the Evil Messenger from Satan stirring up trouble again?** 23And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

### The Philippian Jailer Saved

25But at **midnight** Paul and Silas were **praying and singing** **hymns to God**, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed. **Chains would normally absorb the shock of an earthquake. This was a supernaturally strong earthquake! Notice that Paul and Silas did not run away.** 27And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. **He probably feared a worse fate by the hands of the Romans for not guarding the prison better.** 28But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.”

29Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” **The jailer had obviously heard some of the Gospel and he knew there was more to this earthquake than met the eye!**

31So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized. 34Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

### Paul Refuses to Depart Secretly

35And when it was day, the magistrates sent the officers, saying, “Let those men go.”

36So the keeper of the prison reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart, and go in peace.”

37But Paul said to them, “They have beaten us openly, uncondemned Romans, *and* have thrown *us* into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out.”

38And the officers told these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans. 39Then they came and pleaded with them and brought *them* out, and asked *them* to depart from the city. 40So they went out of the prison and entered *the house of* Lydia; and when they had seen the brethren, they encouraged them and departed.

**Twelve Forbidden Practices**

1. Enchantments -- practice of magical arts ([Ex. 7:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+7%3A11),[22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+7%3A22); [8:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+8%3A7),[18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+8%3A18); [Lev. 19:26](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+19%3A26); [Dt. 18:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+18%3A10); [2Chr. 33:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ch+33%3A6); [2Ki. 17:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ki+17%3A17); [21:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ki+21%3A6); [Isa. 47:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+47%3A9),[12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+47%3A12); [Jer. 27:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+27%3A9); [Dan. 1:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+1%3A20))

2. Witchcraft -- practice of dealing with evil spirits ([Ex. 22:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+22%3A18); [Dt. 18:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+18%3A10); [1Sam. 15:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+15%3A23); [2Chr. 33:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ch+33%3A6); [2Ki. 9:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ki+9%3A22); [Mic. 5:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mic+5%3A12); [Nah. 3:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Na+3%3A4); [Gal. 5:19-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+5%3A19-21))

3. Sorcery -- same as witchcraft ([Ex. 7:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+7%3A11); [Isa. 47:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+47%3A9),[12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+47%3A12); [57:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+57%3A3); [Jer. 27:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+27%3A9); [Dan. 2:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+2%3A2); [Mal. 3:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mal+3%3A5); [Acts 8:9-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+8%3A9-11); [13:6-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+13%3A6-8); [Rev. 9:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+9%3A21); [18:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A23); [21:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+21%3A8); [22:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+22%3A15))

4. Soothsaying -- same as witchcraft ([Isa. 2:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+2%3A6); [Dan. 2:27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+2%3A27); [4:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+4%3A7); [5:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+5%3A7),[11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+5%3A11); [Mic. 5:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mic+5%3A12))

5. Divination -- the art of mystic insight or fortunetelling ([Num. 22:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+22%3A7); [23:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+23%3A23); [Dt. 18:10-14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+18%3A10-14); [2Ki. 17:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ki+17%3A17); [1Sam. 6:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+6%3A2); [Jer. 14:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+14%3A14); [27:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+27%3A9); [29:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+29%3A8); [Ezek. 12:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+12%3A24); [13:6-7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+13%3A6-7),[23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+13%3A23); [21:22-29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+21%3A22-29); [22:28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+22%3A28); [Mic. 3:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mic+3%3A7); [Zech. 10:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Zec+10%3A2); [Acts 16:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+16%3A16))

6. Wizardry -- same as witchcraft. A wizard is a male and a witch is a female who practices witchcraft. Both were to be destroyed in Israel ([Ex. 22:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+22%3A18); [Lev. 19:31](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+19%3A31); [20:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+20%3A6),[27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+20%3A27); [Dt. 18:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+18%3A11); [1Sam. 28:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+28%3A3),[9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+28%3A9); [2Ki. 21:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ki+21%3A6); [23:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ki+23%3A24); [2Chr. 33:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ch+33%3A6); [Isa. 19:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+19%3A3))

7. Necromancy -- divination by means of pretended communication with the dead ([Dt. 18:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+18%3A11); [Isa. 8:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+8%3A19); [1Sam. 28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+28); [1Chr. 10:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ch+10%3A13))

8. Magic -- any pretended supernatural art or practice ([Gen. 41:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+41%3A8),[24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+41%3A24); [Ex. 7:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+7%3A11),[22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+7%3A22); [8:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+8%3A7),[18-19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+8%3A18-19); [9:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+9%3A11); [Dan. 1:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+1%3A20); [2:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+2%3A2),[10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+2%3A10),[27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+2%3A27); [4:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+4%3A7),[9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+4%3A9); [5:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+5%3A11); [Acts 19:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+19%3A19))

9. Charm -- to put a spell upon (same as enchantment, [Dt. 18:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+18%3A11); [Isa. 19:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+19%3A3))

10. Prognostication -- to foretell by indications, omens, signs, etc. ([Isa. 47:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+47%3A13))

11. Observing times -- same as prognostication ([Lev. 19:26](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+19%3A26); [Dt. 18:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+18%3A10); [2Ki. 21:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ki+21%3A6); [2Chr. 33:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ch+33%3A6))

12. Astrology and star gazing -- divination by stars ([Isa. 47:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+47%3A13); [Jer. 10:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+10%3A2); [Dan. 1:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+1%3A20); [2:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+2%3A2),[10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+2%3A10); [4:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+4%3A7); [5:7-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+5%3A7-15))

**Paul's Second Missionary Journey**

1. From Antioch, through Syria and Cilicia to Derbe, Lycaonia ([Acts 15:41](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+15%3A41) -- [Acts 16:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+16%3A1))

2. Lystra, Lycaonia ([Acts 16:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+16%3A1))

3. Iconium, Lycaonia ([Acts 16:2-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+16%3A2-4))

4. Through Phrygia, Galatia, and Mysia to Troas ([Acts 16:6-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+16%3A6-8))

5. Across the Aegean Sea to Samothracia and Neapolis ([Acts 16:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+16%3A11))

6. Philippi, Macedonia ([Acts 16:12-40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+16%3A12-40))

7. Through Amphipolis, Apollonia, to Thessalonica, Macedonia ([Acts 17:1-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+17%3A1-9))

8. Berea, Macedonia ([Acts 17:10-14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+17%3A10-14))

9. Athens, Greece ([Acts 17:15-34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+17%3A15-34))

10. Corinth, Greece ([Acts 18:1-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+18%3A1-17))

11. Cenchrea, Greece ([Acts 18:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+18%3A18))

12. Back across the Aegean Sea to Ephesus, Asia Minor ([Acts 18:19-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+18%3A19-21))

13. Caesarea, Samaria ([Acts 18:21-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+18%3A21-22))

14. Jerusalem ([Acts 18:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+18%3A22))

15. Back to Antioch, Syria ([Acts 18:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+18%3A22))