

## Acts: God Uses Timothy's Gifts Acts 16:1-4; 1 Timothy 4:6-16; 6:11-21; 2 Timothy 1:3-18



Our theme for this week's Bible lesson is that "God Loves All Ages." In Acts 16: 1-4 we see Paul the apostle meeting a "young" man named Timothy. Paul invites him to travel with him and they go from town to town preaching the Gospel. Later, Paul writes Timothy a letter to encourage him to continue preaching the Gospel of Jesus. He tells him not to allow people to look down on him because of his youth but to remember the example that was given to him by Paul and the teaching that he was given. He goes on to tell him to fight the good fight and to live a life that bears good witness to Jesus so that no one can speak badly of Christ because of his witness.

Timothy was a young man that had a calling for teaching and preaching the Gospel and I am sure that many people did not take him seriously because of his age. I wonder how many times we have done the same to our own children? But God in [Matt 21:16](#) say "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "Have you never read, "From the lips of children and infants you, LORD, have called forth your praise?"

If there is one thing, I can say about teaching Sunday School, it's that I learn just as much from my students as they do from me. No matter how old you are we should be listening for the voice of God and it can come from anywhere. Talk to your children about the Bible I bet you will be surprised at how insightful our children can be.

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*"But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior" (Philippians 3:20).*

### Family Together Time

- Using your smartphone or tablet, find an aging app that allows you to take your picture and then adjusts it to make you look older.
- After you download the app, snap pictures of each family member.
- Look at everyone's old-person photos, and talk about what your life might be like when you're that old.
- If you want to go above and beyond, print everyone's picture and hang the pictures on your fridge.
- Pray together that God will use each of you at the age you are now, when you're old like your pictures, and every age in between.



### Talk About This...

- If you could pick any age to be, what age would you pick? Why?