

## **The Book of Acts**

No Success Without A Successor

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*Acts 16:1-5 (NLT)*

*1 Paul went first to Derbe and then to Lystra, where there was a young disciple named Timothy. His mother was a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, 3 so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey. In deference to the Jews of the area, he arranged for Timothy to be circumcised before they left, for everyone knew that his father was a Greek. 4 Then they went from town to town, instructing the believers to follow the decisions made by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day.*

**“YOU’RE NOT A SUCCESS UNTIL YOU HAVE PRODUCED A SUCCESSOR.”**

**-Dr. Ed Cole**

KILL, v.t. To create a vacancy without nominating a successor.  
Ambrose Gwinnett Bierce 1842–1914

**Timothy’s \_\_\_\_\_**

*2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)*

*I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.*

**Timothy’s \_\_\_\_\_**

*Acts 16:2 (NLT)*

*Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium,*

*2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)*

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.*

**Timothy’s \_\_\_\_\_**

*Acts 16:2-3a (NLT)*

*2 Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, 3 so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey...*

*1 Timothy 4:12 “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”*

**Timothy’s \_\_\_\_\_**

*Acts 16:3 (NLT)*

*So Paul wanted him to join them on their journey. In deference to the Jews of the area, he arranged for Timothy to be circumcised before they left, for everyone knew that his father was a Greek.*

*Philippians 2:19-24 (NLT)*

*19 If the Lord Jesus is willing, I hope to send Timothy to you soon for a visit. Then he can cheer me up by telling me how you are getting along. 20 I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. 21 All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ. 22 But you know how Timothy has proved himself. Like a son with his father, he has served with me in preaching the Good News. 23 I hope to send him to you just as soon as I find out what is going to happen to me here. 24 And I have confidence from the Lord that I myself will come to see you soon.*

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Decree**

*Acts 16:4 (NKJV)*

*4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem.*

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Decree**

*Acts 16:5 (NKJV)*

*5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.*

Answers:

1. Situation
2. Spirit
3. Selection
4. Selflessness
5. Significance
6. Success