

Motivating a Spiritual Son

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 2 Timothy 1.

B. Paul was chained when he wrote 2 Timothy. He sought for Timothy's help and companionship.

C. Paul gives Timothy clear instructions for how to continue the ministry.

D. Paul motivates Timothy in several ways.

II. Paul's authority.

A. Friendship does not preclude authority.

B. It is because of God.

C. Its purpose is to preach the gospel of eternal life.

III. His concern and devotion toward others. All the grace of God empowers and motivates.

IV. Appreciation. Timothy held to faith with a clean conscience. (Philippians 1; 3:9)

V. Appeals to God on Timothy's behalf.

VI. Affection. Paul and Timothy loved each other.

VII. Affirmation. Paul affirms Timothy in his spiritual roots.

Application Questions:

1. Why is it important to know how to motivate others?

2. How can we guard against motivation becoming manipulation?

3. Which method of motivation do you find to be the most powerful? Explain.
