



## I THESSALONIANS

### Part Twenty Six: “A Reminder of God’s Sovereignty”

#### I Thessalonians 3:6

*But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:*

### Timothy Completes His First Mission

1. Timothy delivered his report diligently and accurately.
  - a. He did not get sidetracked on his journey.
    - 1) By a “burden” for some other group of people.
    - 2) By a better idea.
    - 3) By the cares of this life.
  - b. He delivered an accurate message.
    - 1) Not merely what Paul wanted to hear.
    - 2) Not just the message that he felt like delivering.
2. Timothy’s completed mission was a reminder of God’s Sovereign hand in the ministry of Paul.
  - a. Paul and Barnabas took a young man named John Mark on their first journey.
  - b. Early on their first journey John Mark quit and went home.
  - c. Paul refused to take John Mark on his second journey.
  - d. Early in his second journey, a young man named Timothy joins the team.
  - e. The needs arises for a dependable man to do an important job.
  - f. Though Timothy is young, Paul sees a level of commitment in him that John Mark did not possess.
  - g. When Timothy completes his mission, it confirms that God had filled the void left by John Mark.

When we make difficult decisions based upon Bible principle, God takes care of the details.