

Now is the Time: Fueling the Flame in the Next Generation

The apostle Paul recognized Timothy's youthful zeal and passion for Jesus—and intentionally fueled that flame into leadership and mission. Scholars believe Timothy could have been a teenager or in his early 20s when he started traveling with Paul. That's the equivalent of a first-century GenZer!

As Paul poured into his life, eventually Timothy was entrusted to challenge the church at Ephesus toward sound doctrine and purity in life. Paul equipped Timothy with letters of instruction (1 and 2 Timothy) and the affirmation of his calling despite his youthfulness: Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you (1 Timothy 4:12-14).

God is right now fueling flames of revival on campuses across this nation. Now is the time to pray, mentor, and unleash a generation of Timothys who are passionate about Jesus and eager to take the gospel to the world.

1 Paul proclaimed to Timothy that God is our Savior and Jesus Christ is our hope. Pray that the “grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord” rests upon your household and the family of Christ today (1 Timothy 1:1-2).

2 Timothy was sent to challenge the church in Ephesus about false doctrines, but to do so in “love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” Pray that GenZers will reach their generation with truth from hearts revived with love and purity (1 Timothy 1:5).

3 Pray that the grace of our Lord is poured out abundantly among GenZers, “along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” The challenges are great and the culture is hostile but pray that now is the time for this generation to thrive in their witness for Jesus (1 Timothy 1:14).

4 Pray for a move of repentance in this generation, so that even those who agonize over the depth of their sin will believe that Jesus desires to “display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life” (1 Timothy 1:16).

5 Paul exhorted Timothy to “fight the battle well, holding on to faith and a good conscience.” Ask God to empower this generation with strength, endurance, and tenacity to stay grounded in the truths of God’s Word and their hope in Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 1:18-19).

6 The Spirit warns that “in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.” Pray for discernment in this generation to reject false ideologies, to not be swayed by culture, and to stand firm in the truths of God’s Word (1 Timothy 4:1).

7 Pray that students will be powerful witnesses of Jesus Christ on their campuses, “nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teachings that [they] have followed.” Pray that now is the time to proclaim the gospel with clarity and confidence (1 Timothy 4:6).

8 Pray that this young generation recognizes that “godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” Pray that they will keep an eternal perspective in the ways they live and the choices they make (1 Timothy 4:8).

9 Pray for the Church to see what God is doing right now in this next generation, so that older generations will not look down on their youthfulness but will instead embrace, mentor, and unleash them to serve God with passion and zeal (1 Timothy 4:12a).

10 Pray that this generation will “set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” Pray that God does a purifying, refreshing, restoring work in them that impacts the Church with revival and awakening (1 Timothy 4:12b).

11 Ask God to inspire GenZers to “devote [themselves] to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.” Pray that they will immerse themselves in God’s Word and share the gospel in their homes, in their churches, and on their campuses (1 Timothy 4:13).

12 Pray that the Holy Spirit stirs up spiritual gifts in younger generations that will be affirmed by leadership and invited to be exercised among all believers. Now is the time for them to rise up in faith and obedience (1 Timothy 4:14).

13 Pray that this new, rising generation will “watch [their lives] and doctrine closely.” Pray that they will persevere in truth and be empowered by the Spirit to fuel the flames of revival on their campuses (1 Timothy 4:16).

14 Ask God to mature this generation to understand that “godliness with contentment is great gain.” Pray that they will not be enticed by worldly treasure but will instead pursue Christ above all else (1 Timothy 6:6).

15 Pray that young men and women will flee from worldly pleasures and instead “pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.” Pray that in the face of opposition, they will “fight the good fight of the faith” (1 Timothy 6:11-12).

16 Ask God to create generous hearts in this generation, that they would “do good … be rich in good deeds, and … be generous and willing to share.” Pray that their radical generosity will be a blessing to their peers and to the body of Christ (1 Timothy 6:18).

17 Just as Paul challenged Timothy to “guard what has been entrusted to your care,” pray that younger generations will treasure the gospel and all the truths of God’s Word—and be empowered by the Spirit to impact the world with the joys of Christ (1 Timothy 6:20).

18 Paul told Timothy that he constantly remembered him in his prayers and longed to see him. Pray that God raises up mentoring relationships between generations, and that older generations will fervently pray for God to use students to fan the flames of revival (2 Timothy 1:3-4).

19 Timothy was mentored by Paul, but the roots of his sincere faith were inspired by his mother and grandmother. Ask God to use older generations to pray faithfully and pass on God’s truth to younger generations. Pray for those who come behind you in your own family (2 Timothy 1:5).

20 As we witness revival spreading from campus to campus, pray that students will “fan into flame the gift of God” and fervently seek Jesus to transform their generation. Ask God to raise up a movement of prayer and worship that cannot be extinguished (2 Timothy 1:6).

21 Pray for the Spirit’s outpouring of boldness to proclaim Christ on campuses, with students embracing that “the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline” (2 Timothy 1:7).

22 Paul encouraged Timothy to “not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord,” but rather “join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.” Pray that this generation will not fear radical obedience to Jesus regardless of cost (2 Timothy 1:8).

23 Pray that now is the time for this next generation to declare that “I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.” Pray for unwavering belief in Jesus that brings hope to their campuses and transforms a generation (2 Timothy 1:12).

24 Pray that students will “guard the good deposit” of the gospel entrusted to them—and that they will live in the fullness of the Holy Spirit who lives within them. Pray that now is the time to unleash them as evangelists to their campuses and beyond (2 Timothy 1:14).

25 Paul reminded Timothy that he was in chains for the gospel, but that “God’s word is not chained.” Pray for an unleashing of the power of God’s truth across campuses through the Collegiate Day of Prayer broadcast tomorrow night. Pray for God’s protection over all the production preparations and for unity with wisdom among those who will lead (2 Timothy 2:9).

26 Paul told Timothy that this is a trustworthy saying about Jesus: “If we died with him, we will also live with him.” Pray that on this Collegiate Day of Prayer, students around the world will join the broadcast tonight and declare their willingness to sacrifice all for Jesus. Ask God to breathe new life into this generation (2 Timothy 2:11).

27 Paul wrote that “if we endure, we will also reign with him.” Ask God to raise up this generation with tenacity to reign with Christ in truth and power by taking the gospel to their campuses and all the world (1 Timothy 2:12).

28 Ask God to empower this generation to “present [themselves] to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” Now is the time to fuel the flames of revival for generations to come (2 Timothy 2:15).