



KK '18 Game Devo: Tuesday/Friday

"A Son in the Faith"

Philippians 2:19-24



Main Point to Teach: God can take us from beginning learners to the people He entrusts to be leaders in the kingdom work.

Helping Passages: Acts 16:1-5; 2Timothy 1:12-13; 2:1-2.

Devo Intro: **Pool Illustration.** Do any of you remember when you first were learning to swim? Or the first few years you began to use the swimming pool? How many of you had to use arm floats? How many of you had to wear a kids life jacket? Maybe you could only be in a tube. But little by little you moved on out of having to use the life jacket, tube, or life jacket. Now you are able to jump off the diving board and swim through the deep end. Every once in a while you are even nice enough to try and show someone else how to swim. Today I want to tell you about a young man who went from being a beginner learner to a pastor teacher.

Field Illustration. Do you remember when you were first learning to ride a bike? There may be a couple of you who got it quick. But many of us had to start out with training wheels. How many had to use them? How many your parents had you learn wearing a helmet? How many even had elbow and knee pads? As we learned little by little we moved away from this stuff. Maybe it was first the training wheels. Later your parents were ok if you did not wear helmet and all that other stuff. Although it is not a bad idea to continue wearing it. There may have been a time where you even taught someone else how to ride a bike. Today I want to tell you about a young man who went from being a beginner learner to a pastor teacher.

Narrate to them the story of Timothy:

- **Short Story Intro:** Paul had begun his second missionary journey with his friend Silas. They arrived at Derbe, Lystra, and Iconium. There they met a young man named Timothy. The believers of those towns spoke well of Timothy. His mother Eunice was a believer but his dad seemed perhaps was not. When Paul heard the good reports spoken of Timothy he took him with him to do missionary work.
- **Short Story:** Timothy traveled with Paul to many place to do the work of God preaching Jesus to the people. In the process and time Timothy learned more and more from Paul. Timothy grew in his knowledge of Jesus and in the way to live and serve the Lord. Towards the end of the life of Paul he spoke of Timothy. Paul described Timothy as one who served God with the same mind as he did. Paul described the service of Timothy as loyal as a son with his father. Paul also would go on to charge Timothy to teach everyone just like he had been taught by Paul. Timothy went from the learner to the teacher who Paul trusted.
- **Short Story Focus:** God wants to grow us in His Word and plan from learners to teachers. God wants us to be able to share with others His truth and show them His plan for their lives.

Devo Application: Many people want more in swimming. They want to be able to jump from the diving board. But when it comes to what God has they do not. There needs to be boys and girls who do not just want to be learners but hope that God can use them some day to teach others what they have learned. Dream big!