

See if you can find out who taught him when he was a little child.

What had Paul done for Timothy besides leading him to Christ? Taught him to be a faithful minister of the Gospel.

What did Paul urge Timothy to be? True to all he had learned.

If we have faith in Christ, what are the Holy Scriptures able to do for us? [Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.]

What was Timothy to do for the people? Help them in every way he could to live Christians. [Read your Lesson Story.]

What did Paul say they would do? Turn away their ears from the truth and believe falsehoods.

What parting counsel does he give Timothy? Be earnest in all things, endure troubles, fulfill all the task which God has given you.

What are amongst the last words Paul wrote? "I have fought a good fight," "finished my course," and "kept the faith."

Was he ready to be put to death? "I am ready to be laid as an offering on the altar."

What did Paul say the Lord as Judge would give him in that great day? A crown of life.

Is there a crown for us? Yes, if we like Paul are faithful, and look with love for Christ's coming.

Words with Little People.

"We were lost and doomed to sorrow!

Not one ray of hope or bliss

Could we from earth's treasures borrow,

'Till our way was cheered by this—"

blessed, blessed Bible. Let us hide its "Golden Texts" away in our hearts, and we shall find them worth more than all the gold and silver in the world, for they "are able to make us wise unto salvation."

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What are the Holy Scriptures able to do? Make us wise unto salvation.

2. How is Scripture given us? "By inspiration of God."

3. For what is Scripture profitable? Doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness.

4. What did Paul charge Timothy to do? "Preach the word."

5. What is laid up for those who love God? "A crown of righteousness."

CATECHISM QUESTION.

11. Does the gospel give rules for outward conduct?

Yes; it gives us precepts for a godly life in all states and conditions.

[1 Tim. vi. 3; 2 Tim. ii. 16; Titus ii. 1-12.]

12. What precepts are there for husbands and wives?

Eph. v. 25; Eph. v. 22; Titus ii. 4, 5.

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

The Worker for Christ.

I. HIS PREPARING FOR THE WORK.

1. Belief in the Gospel.

The things...learned...assured. v. 14.

"Received it....word of God." 1 Thess. 2. 13.

2. Study of Scripture.

From a child thou hast known. v. 15.

"Teach them....unto thy children." Deut. 6. 6, 7.

3. Faith in Christ.

Through faith which is in Christ. v. 15.

"Faith....evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11. 1.

II. HIS MOTIVE TO THE WORK.

1. The Apostle's Exhortation.

I charge thee therefore. v. 1.

"I....the prisoner of the Lord, beseech." Eph. 4. 1.

2. The Fear of God.

Before God. v. 1.

"The fear of the Lord is clean." Psa. 19. 9.

3. The Coming of Christ.

Jesus Christ....his appearing. v. 1.

"The Son of man shall come." Matt. 25. 31.

4. The Day of Judgment.

Judge the quick and the dead. v. 1.

"I saw the dead....stand before God." Rev. 20. 12.

III. HIS DUTIES IN THE WORK.

1. Preaching. "Preach the word." v. 2.

"We preach, warning every man." Col. 1. 28.

2. Diligence. "In season, out of season." v. 2.

"Sow beside all waters." Isa. 32. 30.

3. Persuasion. "Reprove, rebuke, exhort." v. 2.

"We pray you in Christ's stead." 2 Cor. 5. 20.

4. Watchfulness. "Watch thou." v. 5.

"Let us watch and be sober." 1 Thess. 5. 6.

IV. HIS REWARDS FOR THE WORK.

1. Victory. "Fought a good fight." v. 7.

"Be thou faithful unto death." Rev. 2. 10.

2. Crown. "Crown of righteousness." v. 8.

"Ye shall receive a crown of glory." 1 Pet. 5. 4.

THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Christian Soldier.

1. The Christian soldier needs a training. Happy is he who, like young Timothy, has been taught by godly parents and a faithful pastor! v. 14.

2. The Christian soldier has a weapon, the sword of the Spirit, the word of God, the Holy Scriptures, which are mighty for all his needs, and with which he is furnished completely. v. 16, 17.

3. The Christian soldier fights always in the sight of his great Commander, who will reward his faithfulness, and punish his neglect. v. 1.

4. The Christian soldier must never break ranks. v. 2. "In season, out of season," he is always a soldier, with a soldier's work.

5. The Christian soldier must be all the more devoted because others desert, and his cause is in danger. v. 3, 4.

6. The Christian soldier must be alert, vigorous, and sober, a man of one work always. v. 5.

7. The Christian soldier must expect trials and hardships, and endure them patiently. v. 5.

8. The Christian soldier will receive a crown and an abundant reward if faithful to the end. v. 6-8.

English Teacher's Notes.

We like to hear the end of a story. But often and often when some striking incident is recounted, the narrator stops short, and when asked what was the end of it, has to answer that the tale goes no farther. Just so it seems when reading Paul's life as narrated by Luke. The historian brings him as far as the capital of the ancient world, and there leaves him. But the Second Epistle to Timothy gives us a glimpse farther on, and shows us the apostle, after many years of labor and trials, near to the end of his course. We stand, as it were, by his side, in the terrible Roman dungeon where he is said to have been confined, and listen to his parting words addressed to his dearly loved son in the faith. And to-day we have to consider his concluding charge.

In England we have just been reading a letter addressed by Mr. Gladstone to Prince Edward on his coming of age; and this letter partakes somewhat of the character of a charge from the venerable statesman to the heir to England's throne. It points to the coming future with bright and hopeful anticipation, and looks forward to a career of honorable, happy, and successful work for the young scion of royalty who is the subject of it.

Very different is Paul's charge to Timothy. It also looks out into the future, but the sight there