

Titus. Many passages, scattered throughout the two addressed to himself and in other of the Pauline letters, show how much nearer to Paul's heart was the somewhat weak Timothy, who had again and again to be reminded that the servant of Christ must endure hardness, than the stronger and more self-reliant Titus.

A modern psychologist has no difficulty in fixing St. Paul's temperament. It would be a mixed temperament, compounded of the bilious-nervous with a certain admixture of the sanguine. He was essentially, in the modern acceptance of the word, a nervous man, *i.e.*, a man of highly wrought, and almost diseased, nerves. We all know how sceptical critics have seized upon this trait in Paul's character, in order to make out that he was an hysterical enthusiast who saw visions and dreamed dreams, and whose whole life and career was founded upon a trick of an excitable imagination. It was his peculiar condition of the nerves, they say, which led him to transform a sudden storm of blinding lightning into the appearance of the risen Christ; the same nervous temperament induced him to believe that the knowledge of the facts of the life of Christ, which he had half unconsciously acquired from different sources, was a direct revelation from heaven; a nervous fancy accounts for his assertion that he had been caught up into Paradise, and had there heard words unutterable; and again it was this same enthusiasm, which, causing him to believe that God's angel had appeared to him, gave him power at the time of the shipwreck off Malta to dominate both crew and soldiers, and so save the lives of all. But notwithstanding his nervous temperament, there was nothing hysterical about St. Paul. He was staid and sober-minded, alike in judgment and in action. His nervousness (the term is used in its technical sense) made him the noble man he was. It created a combination of qualities, each acting and reacting upon the other, and thus produced a man nearly perfect in strength of character, determination of will, and power of action, tempered by a disposition deeply affectionate. Possessed of less highly strung nerves, his intellectual acumen, united with his sense of power, would have caused