

I am appointed. II Timothy 1:11,12. Paul switches, for a moment, from his charge to Timothy, to his own appointment from God. His call was not just a call but an appointment in a dramatic way (see Acts 9:1-22).

6. In II Timothy 1:11, what are the offices of which Paul says he was appointed? _____

He admits frankly that it is his uncompromising loyalty to God's call which has brought upon him his present difficulties : **For which cause I also suffer these things**(12). The real secret for his fortitude is found in his magnificent confession of assurance which follows immediately: **I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against day.** ¹

In Acts 9:10-16, the Lord speaks to Ananias in a vision to go into the street called Straight to the house of Judas and ask for Saul, of Tarsus: because he is praying, and has seen a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on him, that he might receive his sight. But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he has done Your saints at Jerusalem: and here he has authority from the chief priests that bind all that call upon Your name." But

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, Volume 9, p. 631.

the Lord said to him, "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for My name's sake." (See ref. II Corinthians 11:23-33).

7. Where Paul instructs Timothy to *hold fast the form* (or pattern) of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus in II Timothy 1:13; Do you think Paul is talking about negative words, or speaking the words of sound doctrine, or both?

Paul spoke to Timothy about being faithful in upholding the faith which is closely connected to keeping sound words in the preceding verse (II Timothy 1:14).

8. While in chains, and waiting death, Paul gives the name of a people group, of which he named 2 of them, who deserted him in his time of need. (II Timothy 1:15).

(a) Name the deserting people group. _____

(b) Name the 2 individual deserters mentioned.

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9. Name the man who faithfully served Paul while Paul was in chains, and was not ashamed of his chains; and even sought him out diligently, and found him, so that he could refresh Paul often. (II Timothy 1:16,17) _____