

# EMPHASIS DAY

## Children and Adolescents' Ministries



A Letter  
to a Son

*The letters will always be important, there was a time when only that was used to communicate with people who were far away.*

*Today is different, there are many ways to communicate, but it is still vitally important to deliver important messages.*

*This day of emphasis on Children's and Adolescent Ministry is a good time to remember an important message about the children and adolescents of the church and why not, also of the community.*

*"A letter to a Son" is the title for this topic, where the church will be able to remember important aspects about how to treat "our children" who are the children and adolescents of the church.*

*May God bless each adult, leader, teacher and anyone who comes into contact with the children with his holy spirit, to be those people who love them and teach them the path of truth.*

*With love*



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## Bible Text

And that from childhood  
you have known the  
Holy Scriptures, which  
are able to  
make you wise for  
salvation through faith  
which is in Christ Jesus.  
2 Timothy 3: 15

## Introduction:

Dear son, dear daughter, life is before you. You are barely stepping on its threshold. In front of you are all the possibilities. There are limitless energies in your being, and your feet impatiently claim the road. Blessed be the journey you are about to begin. But before you start it, stop for a few moments, just enough to consider these lines, and then begin and may God be with you (Braulio Pérez Marcio).

This is how Braulio Pérez Marcio begins that writing that he called "letters to my son" It is a masterpiece that has been a blessing for many children, adolescents, and young people from the 20th century to the present.

Would you like to receive a letter from a distinguished person? Would you like to receive advice that will be a blessing in your life? Would you like to receive these secrets from a loving father that will make your life a great blessing in this world and the world to come? Like Braulio Pérez Marcio, a distinguished man long before wrote letters to a disciple. These letters are those of a great teacher to a student; They are letters from a father to a son whom he loved deeply. Who was that Master, and who was that privileged boy? The teacher was Pablo, and that boy was called Timoteo. Would you like to know who Timothy was and what Paul, his teacher, and spiritual father, said to him?

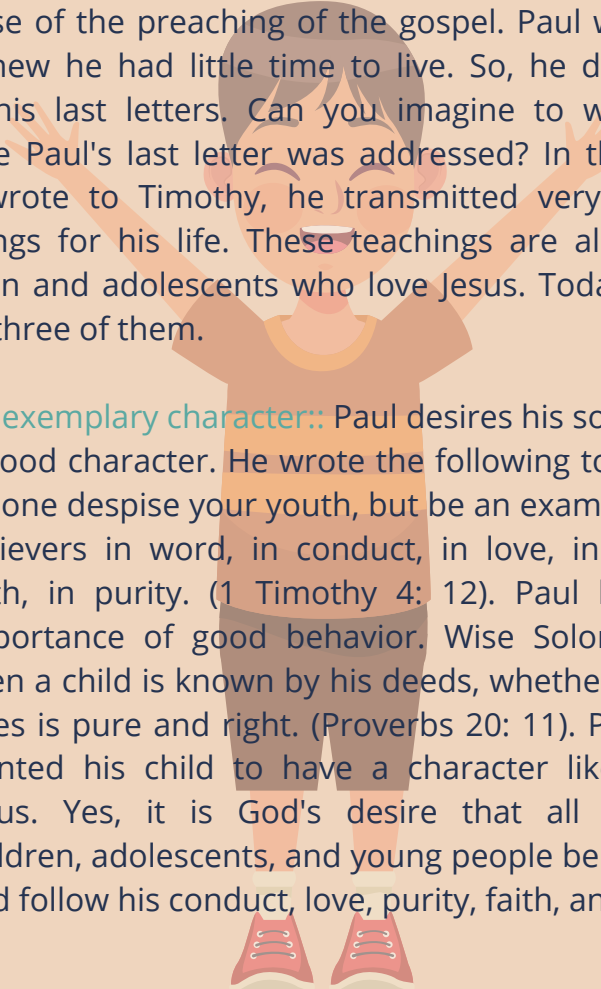
## Developing:

Timothy: from a boy, his name is Timothy; his name comes from Greek and means "He who feels love and adoration of God." Timothy lived in Lystra, a city that belonged to the Romans.

Timothy's mother was Jewish, and she believed in Jesus, but his father did not; he was Greek. As a result, As a child, Timothy was not circumcised. (Acts 16: 1 -5). It was difficult, but Timothy learned to love God as a child. The first person in Timothy's family to give his life to Jesus was his grandmother Lois. Her grandmother told them about Christ, and thanks to this, Eunice and her little son Timothy gave their lives to Jesus (2 Timothy 1: 3 -5).

One day a great preacher, a man of God, came to Lystra; the Apostle Paul. Naturally, little Timothy wanted to meet him. What a thrill! That great preacher heard many outstanding testimonies about him. For Timothy, the happiest moment of his life was when the Apostle Paul invited him to be part of his missionary team. From then on, Timothy accompanied Paul and the missionaries who helped him. Timothy became a great collaborator and the most faithful helper of Paul. To Paul, Timothy became a true son. To Timothy, Paul became the great teacher, mentor, and Christ-loving father he had always wanted (1 Corinthians 4: 17, Philippians 2: 22).

When Timothy grew up, he became a great preacher and leader in the Christian church.



Letters to a Son: one day, Paul and Timothy had to separate due to the circumstances of life and, above all, because of the preaching of the gospel. Paul was in jail and knew he had little time to live. So, he decided to write his last letters. Can you imagine to whom the Apostle Paul's last letter was addressed? In the letters Paul wrote to Timothy, he transmitted very valuable teachings for his life. These teachings are also for all children and adolescents who love Jesus. Today we will share three of them.

- **An exemplary character::** Paul desires his son to have a good character. He wrote the following to him: Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4: 12). Paul knew the importance of good behavior. Wise Solomon said Even a child is known by his deeds, whether what he does is pure and right. (Proverbs 20: 11). Paul really wanted his child to have a character like that of Jesus. Yes, it is God's desire that all Adventist children, adolescents, and young people be like Jesus and follow his conduct, love, purity, faith, and words.

- **An effort is necessary:** the desire of every parent is for their child to do well in all aspects of their lives. For this, he needs to make an effort. In his letter to Timothy, Paul said, "You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2: 1). Every child must understand that effort is important in life. For example, when a child begins to walk, it is necessary for him to make an effort; many times, he tries, falls, and then gets up and keeps going. As time passes, walking becomes so natural.

One of the examples of nature that shows us the importance of effort and perseverance is found in ants. One day a man observed a group of ants carrying a giant cockroach. They wanted to take the cockroach to their nest. They had to go through a small hole in the wall to do this. The ants climbed the wall but fell off when they tried to get this big roach in. So they started to climb the wall again, this time pulling it by the antennae; they wanted to introduce it, but the cockroach fell again. The ants did not give up; this time, they tried to introduce it through their legs, but the cockroach fell. The man got tired of watching the ants try so hard, so he decided to go to sleep. The following day, that man came over to see what had happened. He was surprised because he no longer saw the ants and the huge cockroach. Somehow, they had achieved their goal. The wise man Solomon said: "Look at the ant, you lazy one, observe his ways and be wise" (Proverbs 6: 6). God told Joshua: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1: 9)

- **The Scriptures will make you wise:** Paul wanted his son Timothy to be saved. He wanted Timothy to have a character similar to Jesus that he strived in life and succeeded in everything he did, but above all things, he had to be wise for salvation. How was he going to do it? He had to stop to read the letter that Jesus had left, the Word of God. Paul told Timothy: "And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a]instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3: 15 -17)



- **Invitation:** ¿would you like to read the letter that Jesus has left you and find wisdom for your life there? I invite you to do it every day.





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