

**"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan****I TIMOTHY 1*****I Timothy 1***

For the next ten days, we will be getting to know Timothy, **τιμῆ**, **timé**, pronounced, (tee-may') **timé** (from **τιῶ**, "accord honor, pay respect") – properly, *perceived value; worth* (literally, "price") especially as *perceived honor* – i.e., what has *value* in the eyes of *the beholder*; (figuratively) the *value* (*weight, honor*) *willingly assigned* to something. Added to "one who honors" is the Greek word for God, Greek, **θεός**, **theos**, pronounced (teh'-os). Timothy's name means **"One who honors God."** Indeed, how much this young man did honor God throughout his servant life.

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***Prayer and Action Steps***

*Father, thank You for allowing me to get to know the person called Timothy. As I learn about "one who honors" God, may I gain a heart of wisdom and walk worthy of the calling You have placed upon my life. Amen*