

When I grow up, I want to be...

An Unashamed Guardian (2 Tim. 1:1-2:2)

When you were growing up, what did you want to be?

What does Paul want Timothy to grow up to be?

2 Pauls

- Pre-conversion Paul (Acts 22:3, Gal. 1:14)
- Post-conversion Paul (2 Tim 1:8, 15)

Do you want to grow up to be *that*?

WHY?

It all comes down in the end to what we think the gospel is

Is it primarily a message about...

- **Following the rules, being a kind person, living a decent life?**
- **Jesus coming to make me healthy, wealthy, successful?**
- **Political activism and social transformation?**

The real gospel: 2 Timothy 1:9-10

- i. **what God** _____
- ii. **rooted in** _____

Humanity's 2 biggest fears:

That's why Paul can say, "I'm not ashamed"

If the gospel is such good news, why does it provoke such a hostile reaction?

HOW do we become unashamed guardians of the gospel?

- 1. Keep the pattern (1:13)**
- 2. Fan the flame (1:6-7)**
- 3. Pass it on (2:2)**

Draw encouragement from the faithfulness of others (1:3-5, 16-18)

Grow up...to be unashamed guardians of the gospel