

Spurgeon's Notes

- 1:3**—For this Paul thanks God. He never forgot to pray for Timothy, and it is a matter of thankfulness. When we feel moved to pray, though it is for another, the spirit of prayer is essentially the same, whatever its object. And we ought to be thankful when we feel continually able to pray for a friend. Oh, but it is a good thing sincerely to follow after God. May we be helped to do so.
- 1:6**—There are many kinds of gifts. All Christians have some gift; some may have but one talent, but all have at least one. **Every living saint has his charge to keep, his talent over which he is a steward. A measure of gift is in all of us, needing to be stirred up.** These should be used well. That which is expended in the Master's service is laid up in heaven where neither moth nor rust can corrupt.
- 1:9**—How plain it is that he earnestly believed in the eternal security of believers—in their being in Christ and in their possession of grace in Christ. God's love to his people is not a thing of yesterday! He loved them before the world was made, and he will love them when the world has ceased to be.
- 1:14**—This is what we need. If the Holy Spirit is in us, we shall never trifle with the truth. He is the lover and revealer of truth, and we shall press the doctrines of the Word of God and the Word of God, itself, nearer and nearer to our hearts in proportion as the Holy Spirit dwells in us.