

# Speaking to the soul



## God's calling

**This letter is from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, appointed by the command of God our Saviour and Christ Jesus, who gives us hope. 1 Timothy 1:1**

The apostle Paul always started his letters by making it very clear why he was writing. He wanted everyone to know that he was doing so because God had called him to be an apostle. The word 'apostle' means someone who has been

sent out, and Paul had no doubt that Jesus, who met him on the road to Damascus, was the one who had commissioned him. The letter which follows is full of warmth and affection. Paul had great respect for Timothy and rated him highly, and he wanted to give him encouragement and guidance for his ministry.

I wonder how you would describe yourself and the work that God has called you to do. Paul had a very special role, but we do as well. We have been given unique gifts by God, and today he is calling us to use them to bless other people. I wouldn't be surprised if some of you were responding: "But I'm only a homemaker, shop worker, nurse, teacher, cleaner, barrister or accountant." Paul would strongly object to that language, because in God's scheme of things, the words "I'm only a" simply don't work. Everybody, and every role, is crucial. Because God's hand is upon our lives, what we do today is of infinite importance. While working in your shop or office today, God may give you the opportunity to show his kindness to someone who is feeling knocked about by life. In your school, or while walking to work, he may enable you to show love to someone who is feeling rejected and lost. I don't know what God will call you to do today, but I do know that we are all appointed by his command to live for him and to share his hope wherever we go.

## **QUESTION**

What has God appointed you to do today?

## **PRAYER**

Loving Father, thank you that you have called me to serve you today. Please help me to give my best to you in whatever I do. Amen

*Photo - Flowers on CNI's doorstep*

