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Paul and Timothy (response) Q5

Hello Steven, Your explanation as to why Paul had Timothy circumcised is deeply held by many in our church culture today; as a matter of fact, I too agree with this interpretation. First Paul understood the audience to which he was going to minister, and yes Timothy's father was a Grecian and so as not to cause any "disruption." Next Timothy was going to be traveling with Paul, and as was Paul's custom to go to the synagogue he allowed him to be circumcised as a matter of purification. Lastly Paul's main focus was to win the loss at any cost and so he would become all things to all men so that he could win them for Christ (1 Cor. 9).