

TIMOTHY

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INTRODUCTION

**Do you ever get afraid, shy, fearful of people & situations?
What causes the most fear in you?
Have you learned how to have victory over it?**

Some pastors so courageous, outgoing, energetic nothing stops them

Others quiet, shy, fearful, introverts
Seem wrong type for ministry
NOT SO! MANY good strengths
God uses ministry to get over fear, trust Him through it

That's what God did with ME
MY NAME IS TIMOTHY
Have you ever heard of me?

I. BACKGROUND

FATHER: unsaved Greek
MOTHER: Godly Jew - Eunice
GRANDMOTHER: Godly Jew - Lois

"Timothy" = "honored of God" - shows:

Father not anti-God, let Eunice use name "Timothy," let mother be in charge of children
-often men see children as mother's responsibility

Any of You not have a godly father to help you grow into a man?

Hometown: LYSTRA
CHILDHOOD: good Jewish upbringing, taught OT well (II Tim 1:5; 3:15)

2 Tim 1:5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

FAITH passed on down

1 MJ Paul led Timothy, Lois & Eunice (mo) to salvation Acts 14:6-19
probably Paul & co invited to stay at their home (good, open Jews)
shows they were hospitable, probably well-to-do (like Lydia, etc)
perhaps Paul recovered from stoning at Lystra at Tim's home
Tim earned good rep with local church

RELATIONSHIP WITH PAUL

Paul 'adopted' him, -spiritual father & mentor

laid hands on (II Tim 1:6), blessing from father to son (Gentile father not do this)

sign of maturity, acceptance, manhood - give confidence, maturity

Timothy challenged to be man in Jewish community - hard for him to fulfill this role

PAUL LIKE A FATHER TO HIM

TIMOTHY LIKE PAUL'S (LOST) SON - II Tim 1:4

Phil 2:22 But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.

1 Tim 1:2 To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Tim 1:18 Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, (

INFLUENCE OF FATHER UPON BOYS

Timothy's father not involved in life (for whatever reason)

Today fathers not as involved, out of the house working, etc (not like on farm, etc)

Boy needs from father:

1. Correct view of what a man is to follow - whatever 'Dad' is, is 'man'

Sees 'God' same as his father, relates same

2. Affirmation, acceptance of his maleness

PHYSICALLY weak constitution, frail

EMOTIONALLY weak, fearful (more about this later)

Father unable to teach Tim @ manhood in Jewish community

contributed to 'timidity' (II Tim 1:7) - no strong male example, confidence, bonding

II. TRAINING

A. TRAVELING WITH PAUL

2 MJ when Tim left with Paul = 50 AD 16-25 yrs old

Ordained when traveled with Paul on 2MJ = 51 AD

I Timothy written = 64 AD

II Timothy written = 66 AD

B. SPIRITUALITY

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

good reputation among Christians Acts 16:2

church leader (Ephesus, etc)

evangelist II Tim 4:5) - church planter and growth

deep spiritual commitment

C. PERSONALITY

PERSONALITY

Ephesus: timid, fearful, stomach problems
pushed around by domineering women
not see example of man handling controlling woman in own home
doesn't know how to handle strong woman, etc.

1 Cor 16:10-11 *If Timothy comes, see to it that he has nothing to fear while he is with you, for he is carrying on the work of the Lord, just as I am. 11 No one, then, should refuse to accept him. Send him on his way in peace so that he may return to me. I am expecting him along with the brothers.*

Tendency to FEAR

1 Tim 4:12 *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.*

YOUNG: mid to upper 20's minimum

OVERLY SENSITIVE, young, shy, sensitive, despite godly upbringing

1 Tim 5:23 *Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.*

STRESS kept inside, affected his health

"When I repress my emotions, my stomach keeps score."

2 Tim 1:6 *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God,*

'TIMIDITY' = play on word 'Timothy' in Greek

FEAR big problem for men always (hide it, don't know how to face & win)

Saul: insecure, proud 1 Sam 9

Gideon: Judges 6

POWER: authority comes from God alone, fear from flesh/Satan

LOVE: only real antidote to fear

Perfect love casts out all fear. 1 John 4:18

SELF-DISCIPLINE: go by mind, not emotions (what Tim needs)

Not a person anywhere ever who doesn't battle FEAR

DON'T ALWAYS CALL IT FEAR

"concern" "burden" "care" "distraction"

"anxious" - no direct object of our fear

I have never met a person who didn't struggle with fear

different fears, shown in different ways

pastors: fear of failure (all men ... everyone)

ALL have it because sin separates us from God

something missing, only found in God

GOOD FEAR

motivate to do right (like guilt, anger, etc)
men exercise, watch diet because of heart problems
I get 'fear' before Sunday sermon, speaking, etc.
usually experience them in negative way today

EXAMPLES OF FEAR IN THE BIBLE

.Abraham, in calling his wife his sister
.Isaac, in calling his wife his sister
.Jacob, in fleeing from Laban
.The ten spies
.To meet Goliath
.20,000 Of Gideon's army
.David, in fleeing from Absalom

FEAR OF CIRCUMSTANCES

FEAR OF CONTROL (loss of , others control us)

FEAR OF CRITICISM

II Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a Spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

FEAR FLEES FROM THE CROSS

If believe God is in charge/control, then nothing to fear!
Satan causes, uses fear – gives access to demonic

SOLUTION TO FEAR:

1. ADMIT YOUR FEAR
no excuses, blame others, etc
2. ASK FOR PEACE
3. ATTACK YOUR FEAR

TRANSITION

Lifelong lesson for Timothy

PHLEGMATIC-SANGUINE

dependable, steady but timid & fearful
enjoyable, nice person to be around: congenial, dependable, fun-loving, people-oriented,
diplomatic, humorous, easiest temp to get along with (as babies and adults)
weakness: lack of motivation (phleg) and discipline (sang) - falls far short of capabilities;
builds self-protective shell around self, selfishly avoids involvement & commitment

Very loyal to Paul I Cor 16:10; Phil 2:19; II Tim 3:10
non-assertive, phlegmatic

opposite of Paul: opposite attract, admire each other's strengths
 God uses other's weaknesses to refine, patience, more like Jesus

III. MINISTRY

Sent from Berea to Thess Acts 17:14; I Thes 3:2

MENTORING Silas & Timothy, learning while contributing (prctical training)

With Silas, joined Paul at Corinth Acts 18:5; I Thes 3:6

With Paul at Corinth I Thes 1:1; II Thes 1:1

Sent to Thessalonica to strengthen their faith I Thes 3:2

First time Tim mentioned on his own (that I am aware of), his training is progressing

With Paul at Ephesus Acts 19:22

Now taking others to train them, pass info on (Jesus-Paul-Timothy-Erastus-other---me)

Sent to Macedonia & Corinth I Cor 4:17; 16:10

1 Cor 4:17 For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

1 Cor 16:10 If Timothy comes, see to it that he has nothing to fear while he is with you, for he is carrying on the work of the Lord, just as I am. 11 No one, then, should refuse to accept him. Send him on his way in peace so that he may return to me. I am expecting him along with the brothers.

"NOTHING TO FEAR" = "be nice to him," Tim had hard time with domineering people

"REFUSE TO ACCEPT" = why? age? won't submit to younger, shy, stranger person?

With Paul in Macedonia II Cor 1:1

With Paul in Corinth Rom 16:21 2 Cor 1:19

Went with Paul from Corinth to Asia Minor Acts 20:4

GROUP GROWING - Tim one of leaders, mentoring others

With Paul in Rome #1 Col 1:1; Philem 1; Phil 1:1

Paul wanted to sent him to Philippi Phil 2:19

Left in charge of church in Ephesus I Tim (64 AD, 13 years after first left home Paul)

TOUGH church - strong women, weak men, worldly people, etc.

How many of you ever have gotten discouraged?

Does it happen often?

Anyone a bit discouraged now?

CONDITIONS PRODUCING DISCOURAGEMENT

(ask men to list what brings discouragement, then ask them to share solution)

1. FATIGUE

Too tired to go up to bed! Mind slips into negative gear,
Drained physically or emotionally, Care too much about the people
Solution: Enough food, rest, exercise, sleep, fun, etc.
Get control of your schedule (marathon, not sprint)

2. PRESSURE

Some pressure good motivator, too much & too hard not good
Pressure @ results: growth/numbers, \$ income, comparisons,
pleasing everyone
Pressure on self: high expectations, idealism, overly-sensitive
Solution: "I will build my church" - Jesus

3. LACK OF RESULTS

Stretch of no new people, growth, maturity, etc.
Solution: Take the focus off myself, my responsibility to produce,
serve as unto God
God measures success differently than we do

4. TOUGH DECISIONS

About individuals or church as a whole
No easy answers, care @ the people and results
Solution: wisdom from others

5. FAMILY PROBLEMS

Difficulties with children, between husband and wife

6. SIN IN LIFE

Something defeating you can't get victory over (see me!!!!)

PAUL ENCOURAGES TIMOTHY TO STAY FAITHFUL

1 Tim 1:18-19 Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.

STAY FAITHFUL to ordination commitment

CHURCH PROBLEMS TIMOTHY FACED

WOMEN getting out of place, bossy | Tim 2:11-15

DISORDER in church among people | Tim 3:14-15

SIN TO CORRECT in lives of some | Tim 4:6

PERSONAL CRITICISM for age, shyness, pressure from others | Tim 4:12-16

GOSSIP and criticism of leaders rampant | Tim 5:19

POWER STRUGGLES among people in church | Tim 5:21-22

GOSSIP ABOUT TIMOTHY: IMMATURE, ETC | Tim 6:11-14

WANT TO QUIT, LEAVE Ephesus

Result: stomach problems from stress, nerves | Tim 5:23

Went to join Paul in Rome (Prison #2) || Timothy (66 AD, 2 yrs after I Tim; 15 yrs with Paul)

PAUL'S ADVICE:

2 Tim 4:2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction.

“CORRECT, REBUKE” = those wrong - hard to do to elders, women, etc.

“ENCOURAGE” = those right - hard in a different way

IV. END OF LIFE

Continued to minister in Ephesus until martyred

TIMOTHY'S SERVICE

1. HE HAD A SERVANT HEART (willing to serve, not be served)

Acts 19:22 He sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he stayed in the province of Asia a little longer.

2. HE WAS AVAILABLE (for years willing to go where God wanted)

Acts 20:4 He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy also, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia.

3. HE WAS TEACHABLE (hunger & thirst to learn all he could from Paul)

2 Tim 3:10-11 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings-- what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

4. HE WAS LIKE-MINDED (shared Paul's goals and motives, faithfully reproduced Paul & God's will and desire)

Phil 2:19-20 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. 20 I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare.

"GENUINE" = sincere person, sensitive, good & bad

5. HE WAS FAITHFUL (not just knew Paul's teachings & goal, but put into practice)

1 Cor 4:17 For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

6. HE WAS A REPRODUCER (patterned own life after Paul, trained others to do same)

2 Tim 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

1Thes 3:2 We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith,

SUMMARY OF MINISTRY

20 years of traveling from one problem area to another

representing Paul, reproducing Paul, faithfully being where Paul couldn't be as his representative

nothing outstanding or dramatic about his service, but VERY necessary!

friendship to Paul most important in helping Paul, too (closest friend, loved most)

DEATH: martyred under Domitian or Nerva (Jan 22, 96, 97 or 98 AD)

attempting to stop heathen indecent processing during Festival of Diana

-victory over fear!

CONCLUSION

(IF TIME TO FILL) **How do you handle the fears you face?**

How do you get victory over discouragement?

CLOSING PRAYER

THOSE HERE who are struggling with FEAR

DISCOURAGED

SPECIAL PRAYER IN FRONT NOW OR AFTERWARDS.....

1. Fight the Good Fight (I Tim 1)

INTRODUCTION

What if there were no church? All bel on own to make it?
That harder or easier? Why? **FIRE: spread out coals**

Commanded to be part of a church **Hebrews 10:25** *Let us not give up meeting together.*

Author: Paul

Date: 62 AD (in Macedonia, 3 yrs before Paul killed)

Recipient: Timothy, like own son, Mo Eunice, g-mo Lois, Lystra

Place Timothy at: Ephesus

#1 church (Jerusalem, Antioch, Eph, Rome)

John & Mary there, too

Ephesus church – Paul start, there more than any

Problems developing, so wrote Tim

Rev 2 = left first love

Theme: how to lead a church

TRANSITION

1-11 overview, MISSION ASSIGNMENT to Timothy

Tim struggling, wants to leave, too hard for him

Greetings 1:1-2

1 Timothy 1:1-2 *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, 2 To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Paul, an apostle: one who is send

Chosen, can't volunteer (or wouldn't if not HS in)

ME: God sent me to India

YOU: sent to various places

WE are not Apostles, but sent like they were

Paul using authority to command Tim to stay!

Not father/friend but leader command

Grace: undeserved favor, removal of guilt

Depends on who & what God is, not who/what we are

Tim must depend on Grace

Mercy: grace in operation **child who disobeys**

Paul usually says "grace & peace"

Mercy added because Tim needs it now!

Tim needs mercy when fails

Peace: prosperity, harmony, removal of discord

Tim needs peace despite opposition, criticism, etc

I. ORDINATION OF TIMOTHY 1:3-20

A. PAUL WARNS AGAINST FALSE TEA 1:3-11

1 Tim 1:3 *As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer*

Stay: Tim wants to leave for 'nicer' easier church
Hard for him there with problems, etc.

**WE ALL have hard time, envy others, want leave
God uses that to stretch our faith, grow
ME same church 30 years, often wish God move
"grass looks greener on other side..."
Stay until GOD moves you!**

Certain men: influential leaders in house churches
Timothy young, intimidated by them, shy, fearful

**Always some who oppose, make it hard
Those inside worse than those outside ch!**

Say things to please people
**ME in US: Indians say what think I want
Help learn Hindi! Yes! Don't
Pastors can't do that!**

**Can't teach anything false
Can't let others teach anything false, either
Must know Word well so know truth**

TRANSITION

Paul uses self as proof against false teachers
God used the truth in his live for his growth

B. PAUL TESTIFIES TO GOD'S GRACE 1:12-17

1 Timothy 1:12-14 *I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me **faithful**, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.*

He considered me FAITHFUL: NOT busy, 'successful'
What God looks for in us, church, life, ministry
NOT size of church, money, programs, etc

Appointing me to His ministry:

Not our choice, anything we get credit for, but God's
Ministry = diakonos (deacon) = 'wait on tables'
Servant (of God, not of all people want)
Doesn't do all himself, delegates
Teaches, equips other servants to serve
Servant reports for duty, not orders master

Grace was poured out abundantly:

all we have is by God's grace!
**ME: all by grace, standing here, something to say
YOU: not deserve, earn salv, God's blessing**

Teach people to live by GRACE, not law
False tea = legalism, pride, what I do (don't)
Truth = all by grace & mercy

Paul so grateful for this he sings – v 15-17 – PRAISE

TRANSITION

Paul applies this to Tim – God help him as did Paul

C. PAUL CHARGES TIM TO MINIST 1:18-20

1 Tim 1:18-19a Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, 19a holding on to faith and a good conscience.

Timothy, my son: very close!

Every pastor needs a:

Paul – older mentor to go to for help, support

Timothy – someone to help, build self into

Barnabas – brother, equal, share burdens with

With Paul in travels, difficulties, probably then

Fight the good fight: Christian life a battle

Ministry even more a battle

Fight: Satan, demons False teachers

World Self, flesh, pride

My biggest battle is with ME! (OSN)

This is a COMMAND, not suggestion, option

Holding on to: what battle is about, hold your ground

Not slack off, move back, give up, surrender

Faith and a good conscience: how to win the battle

FAITH: know, apply God's Word

GOOD CONSCIENCE: standards based on Word

What Paul talks about in rest of I Tim

Ex Hymenaeus & Alexander, not fight good fight, hold faith

CONCLUSION

THUMB TIP, STRING cut OK

What about you?

Faithful to God? (not perfect, confess keep going)

Fighting the good fight, or giving up, quitting?

Others: Paul to mentor you

Timothy for you to build into, disciple

Barnabas friend who understands

Stand against wrong teachers/teaching? AFRAID?

Focusing on GRACE in own life & church?

Or legalism, expectations, scold, hard on

PRAY for those struggling....

2. Qualities of Godly Leader (I Tim 2-3)

INTRODUCTION

LAST TIME: What if there were no church?

THIS TIME: What if no prayer? Can't talk to God?

Often too busy to pray

ME not satisfied with prayer life, struggle, YOU TOO?

REVIEW: Tim afraid, discouraged, hard time with people

Paul: fight good fight, faithful, grace

NOW: how to lead the church, what to do

Chap 1: don't quit, chap 2: do lead this way

II. ORGANIZATION OF CH 2:1 - 3:16

A. SUPPLICATION OF PRAYER 2:1-8

1 Timothy 2:1-2 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2:8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

Duty of church & pastor is to PRAY

Tim: not discouraged, feel sorry for self, but pray!!!

Prayer key function in church

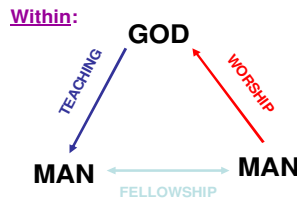
(Acts 2:42)

(see Ch Function)

(see Talk/Listen to God)

ANY time/place OK

Sincere attitude important



Without: EVANGELISM

TRANSITION

MEN = lead, pray

WOMEN = inner beauty (9-10) submission (11-15)

B. SUBJECTION OF WOMEN 2:9-15

9-10 DRESS MODESTLY and decently (I Pt 3:1-6)

11-15 ACT MODESTLY and decently as well

1 Timothy 2:11-12 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

CAN'T lead men, pastors, elders (teach preach to men)

CAN lead singing, pray out loud, teach children & teens

Miriam, Deborah, Esther, Mary Martha, Phoebe, etc.

TRANSITION

Role of men (lead, pray), women (submit), now LEADERS

C. SUPERVISION OF LEADERS 3:1-16

1. Overseer 3:1-7

1 Tim 3:1-13 Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.

Sets his heart: “set his heart, aspire” stretch self to be...

1) shep gift at salvation 2) call, 3) grow

Noble: honorable

Overseer: = pastor (see Shepherd session)

PASTOR (poimen) = shepherd

ELDER (presbutero) = head of synagogue

OVERSEER (episcopos) = head of Gentile group

MINISTER (diaconos) = servant, wait on tables

2 Now the overseer must be: commands, not suggestions

Be: presently, not always been (Paul murderer)

“be” not “do” – look for character traits, not talents

above reproach, (general) no cause for blame, criticism

the husband of but one wife, loyal to 1 wife now with

not eliminated if single, widowed, divorced

not just legally married but meeting her needs

ME: this hardest qualification to meet!

temperate, lit ‘sober’ – moderate in all things

self-controlled, ‘sound mind’ to apply Word, good decisions

respectable, honorable, disciplines self

hospitable, generous with others, help in need **(WIFE)**

able to teach, pastor-TEACHER, feed sheep, learn & pass

3 not given to drunkenness, wine OK, drunkenness not

not violent but gentle, considerate sensitive, no quick temp

not quarrelsome, not want own way, argumentative

not a lover of money. Attitude of greed, not amount

4 He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.

5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) (Hosea) **VERY IMPORTANT**

If manipulate/guilt/anger/control/passive w/ family = w/ ch

6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.

Pride in position = sin and fall; so maturing believer

7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. Honorable, rep for church & God

2. Deacons 3:8-10,12

8 Deacons,, 'wait on tables', servant (Acts 7)

Likewise, different sp gift but same qualifications

are to be command, not suggestion; present time

men men minister to all, women to women & children (next)

worthy of respect, (general) honorable, good reputation

sincere, no deceit, hypocrisy, but truthful honest

not indulging in much wine, not drunk or rep as drunk

and not pursuing dishonest gain. Honest, not greedy

9 They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. Faithful life in all aspects

10 They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. Watch lives first

3. Deacons' Helpers 3:11

11 In the same way, their wives/women = female deacons

are to be women worthy of respect, (gen) honorable, mat

not malicious talkers not slanderers, gossips (Satan)

but temperate not addicted to alcohol

and trustworthy in everything. Sums up all, faithful

12 A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well.

Command, present tense, faithful late & father

13 Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus. Blessing now & eternity, affirmation of God & others

4. Timothy 3:14-16

14-15 Paul reaffirm purpose in writing = how church function

Wants to see, tell Tim in person, sad he can't

Great for us, for writing it means we have it, too

16 hymn of early church, glorifying Jesus

Where Paul's thoughts keep returning to

CONCLUSION

How is your prayer life? Where/how improve?

Characteristics of leader: where strong? Weak?

How to improve?

PRAY

3. Stay Faithful (I Tim 4)

INTRODUCTION

TURTLE & RABBIT favorite story, persevere
WILLIAM CAREY India "I can plod"

REVIEW: Tim afraid, discouraged, hard time with people
Paul: fight good fight, faithful, grace
Men: lead church, pray; women: submit
Leader qualifications, traits

TRANSITION

Now back to MI, Tim faithful despite false teachers, etc

III. OPERATION OF TIMOTHY 4:1 - 6:19

A. SURVEY OF RESPONSIBILITY 4:1-16

1. The enemy: false teachers 4:1-5

ADVICE to Tim about false teachers

- they WILL come, and more in last days
- they are deceitful, hard to oppose
- seem 'sincere' and mislead many
- stand on truth of Word, not led by personality
- don't fear their opposition, stand true
- preach grace, not legalism, negative rules

2. The duty: faithful ministry 4:6-11

Be faithful to teach these things to your people
Keep the focus on Jesus above all, not do's & don'ts

3. The duty: Godly life 4:12-16

1 Timothy 4:11-16 Command and teach these things.

Imperatives, an order – KNOW Bible and teach/apply it

12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, command #1

Problem for all young pastors, new pastors, all insecure

but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Command #2

don't worry about what others think, live faithful life for God

13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Command #3

Top priority: exposit Bible word by word (like me with 1 Tim)

14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Command #4

Faithfully serve in area God called and gifted you

15 Be diligent in these matters; command #5

Take care, cultivate, be deeply involved in

give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Command #6
be absorbed in them, top priority is serving God (family #1)

progress: growth a process, often slow!

shepherd = wife #1 sheep, children next!

16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Command #7

What you believe and how you live must match up!

Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. Command #8

Persevere: KEY in pasturing, life, family, etc (Heb 12:1-2)

ME: turtle and rabbit race.... (run, life marathon)

TRANSITION

1 Tim 4 = how Timothy to live in faithfulness to God

1 Tim 5 = how Timothy to live in faithfulness to others

B. SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS 5:1 - 6:2

1. Men & women 5:1-2

Treat with respect, as if your father, mother, bro or sister

2. Older widows 5:3-10

Financially support those in need, but only if no family help

3. Younger widows 5:11-16

Don't financially support or use time unwisely, remarry

4. Church leaders 5:17-25

1 Timothy 5:17-18 *The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."*

Support for needy, qualified widow OK, for pastor as well

Pastors due 1) respect and 2) financial support

RESPONSIBILITY OF PEOPLE TO PAY PASTOR

If not teach them that, let them do that then disobey God

ME: wife work (nurse) to help, church do its best

ESPECIALLY preaching & teaching: main resp of pastor

Teach: convey facts, truth of Bible

Preach: apply those to daily life, current situation

19-20 be careful of accepting criticism of church leader

But when it is true then act and correct matter

-don't believe unproven accusation (19)

-don't gossip about them (19)

-if true publically correct them (20)

-be totally fair and impartial (golden rule) (21)

5. Masters & slaves 6:1-2

Still about how to treat others: now masters & slave

Applies to boss and employees

-show them respect

-serve them as if serving God

TRANSITION

Back to false teachers & teachings (on Paul's mind)

Shows godliness is superior to their teachings

Why theirs so bad and must be stopped

C. SUPERIORITY OF GODLINESS 6:3-19

1. Over false teachings 6:3-5

Godly, Christ-like life not from false teaching, better than it

2. Over materialism 6:6-19

Godliness, Christ-likeness greater than materialism also

1 Timothy 6:11-12 *But you, man of God, flee from all this*, command to keep on avoiding false teaching, etc

Materialism subtle temptation, distract, defeat pastors

And pursue Command as to what to do

righteousness, conformity to God

godliness, Christ-like maturity

faith, trust, as seen in actions

love, agape, unconditional

endurance perseverance, steadfastness

and gentleness attitude of humility

12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

CHRISTIAN LIFE & PASTORING A BATTLE! (sw)

Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. Blessings now and for eternity

STAY FAITHFUL (take hold = lunge to the finish line)

V 13-21 more commands of how to conduct ch faithfully

Close 6:20-21

1 Timothy 6:20 *Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care.*

Guard = Soldier protecting precious possession

Entrusted = banking term

Stay faithful, persevere

CLOSING

PRAY for each one to stay faithful (small group prayer)

4. Paul's Last Words (II Tim 1-2)

INTRODUCTION

FINAL WORDS of dying person important, why?

What final words of advice would you give your son?

2 Tim Paul dying words, most important of anyone but Jesus

Author: Paul Date: 64 AD

Recipient: Timothy

Place Paul in Rome prison, 2 yrs after I Tim, right before die

Theme: Paul's final words, stay faithful!

SALUTATION 1:1-2

2 Timothy 1:1-2 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Promise of life: Paul about to die, thinking of eternal life
God gives us QUALITY of life – abundant
QUANTITY of life - eternal

My dear son: love for Tim, sp son, last communication
Son = student (maturing since I Tim – stayed in Eph)
Are you training those who will replace you?

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE 1:3-5

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.

Thank: despite being in prison about to die!

Clear conscience: come to end of life and ready face God
Not perfect, sinless life – do best & forgiven

Live so at end of life don't have regrets, only 1 life

Prayers: pray for those you love, mentor

1:5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Importance of godly parents influence when young

Spend time with children & wife (#1 sheep)

I. QUALITIES FAITHFUL PASTOR 1:6-18

A. ZEAL 1:6-7

1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Timidity: cowardice, fear

Respect of God good (I Pt 1:17; 2:17) but not fear

Tim lack confidence, fear (I Cor 16:10-11; I Tim 4:12)

FEAR problem of all pastors, people

ME: fearful travel to India, rejection, failure, etc.

Power: 'dynamite' Acts 1:8 – inner ability

Love: agape, motive to press on, faithful as pastor

Self-discipline: self-control, balanced mind

B. COURAGE 1:8-12

2 Timothy 1:12 *Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.*

Not ashamed: v 7 = nothing to fear (cf v 8)

I know whom I have believed: trust keeps him from fear

Able to keep: eternal security

What I have entrusted: banking deposit – soul to God

That day: rewards, Bema seat

C. FAITHFULNESS 1:13-18

1. Appeal 1:13-14

Be faithful to the truth taught you, pass it on to others

2. Incentive 1:15-18

Paul deserted in prison, believers turned against him

Onesiphorus faithful, helped him

Pastors need faithful friends, support- 'Barnabas' in life

ME: Dan, Chris

II. DUTIES OF FAITHFUL PASTOR 2:1-4:8

A. PERSONAL STRENGTHENING 2:1

2 Timothy 2:1-7 *You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

Then: in light of QUALITIES in chapter 1

Be strong: command, #1 duty of pastor
receive it (passive), can't strengthen self

in the grace...: grace source of all inner strength

B. TRANSMITTING THE TRUTH 2:2

2 Timothy 2:2 *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*

Teach: top priority of pastor (must learn before can teach)

Build into those who can build into others (**Paul to Tim**)

Paul – Timothy – Reliable Men – Others - - - - - us – followers

RELAY RACE – pass baton/truth on best you can

Who are you mentoring?

Don't do it all, train others, let them help

C. ENDURANCE 2:3-13

1. As a Soldier 2:3-4

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs — he wants to please his commanding officer.

Soldier hears & follows the call

Joins the battle

Endures hardship and suffering

Separates from competing interests

Concerned only about victory

2. As an Athlete 2:5

2 Timothy 2:5 Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules.

Self-control, focus (curfew, diet, training, competition)

3. As a Farmer 2:6-7

2 Timothy 2:6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

Unglamorous but necessary work

First to enjoy the fruit (pastor learns more than teaches)

4. Motivation for Endurance 2:8-13

Example of Jesus – faithfully endured to the end

D. WARN OF SIN 2:14

Teach people not to quarrel among themselves

Worst hurts, problems can be from other believers

CLOSING

What is the hardest part of pastoring?

Faithful in hard times, consistent under pressure

Who are you passing truth on to????

Are YOU like a soldier, athlete, farmer?

Where improve?

Show bag as empty – then crawl out soldier, athlete, farmer as talk about them and challenge them one by one.

Put back in bag and show bag empty again

5. Duties of a Faithful Pastor (II Tim 2-4)

INTRODUCTION

What is your Goal as pastor? \$, large ch, popular?
What was Paul's goal for self & Timothy?

REVIEW II TIM 1-2: final words, qualities, start duried

II. DUTIES OF FAITHFUL PASTOR 2:1-4:8

E. LIVE FOR GOD 2:15

2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Do your best: be zealous, diligent, eager

Present yourself to God: ONLY one trying to please!!!

Approved: pass test, exam, trial (bema, rewards)

Workman: "works for someone else" = follow directions

Not ashamed: by not being faithful, loss of reward

Correctly handles: "cut a straight line" (skillfully examine)

Word of truth: Bible is our tool, learn to use it

Each skill has tool, for pastor it is the Word of God

F. GODLY TALK 2:16-19

Warns against false teaching: resurrection already happened

FACING DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Pray	Show love
Don't be discouraged or quit	Don't argue
Look for deeper issues behind it	Be honest

G. PURITY 2:20-26 Stay pure, free from sin

2:24 The Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

Not quarrel: have own way, ego, pride, always right

Kind to everyone: grace, gentle, approachable

Able to teach: ready always to communicate truth

Not resentful: forgive those hurt you, meek when wronged

H. SEPARATION 3:1-9

Last days many hypocrites, self-centered, sinners
– stay away from them

UNFAIR ATTACK OR LEGITIMATE CONCERN?

Consider the source
Consider spirit in which criticism given
Consider anger sign of something deeper

Consider concrete criticism more seriously

I. FAITHFUL IN PERSECUTION 3:10-13

Paul uses self as example of someone faithful in persecution

2 Timothy 3:12 *In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,*

Will be: promise, no exemptions

J. PREACH THE WORD 3:14 – 4:5

2 Timothy 3:14-17 *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,*

Continue: abide, remain (Jn 15), persevere, faithfulness

15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

From infancy: teach children Scriptures, not stories/games

Able to make you wise: power in God's Word

Present continuous, knowing the Bible = wisdom

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

God-breathed: "inspired" 100% true & accurate

Teaching: instruction in truth, knowledge

Rebuking: learn where wrong

Correcting: restore from wrong, error

Training in righteousness: 'child-training'

Thoroughly equipped: sufficiently prepared, goal of all

2 Timothy 4:1-2 *In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction.*

Presence of God": accountable to Him, not others

I give you this charge: Paul auth as apostle, to us too

Preach the Word: main resp of each pastor

DTS slogan – what God most expects of us!!

Be prepared in season: always ready for opportunity

And out of season: inconvenient, difficult times as well

Correct: where wrong by ignorance

Rebuke: where wrong by rebellion, choice

Pastor has authority from God to do this

Encourage: when struggling motivate to faithfulness

Great patience: perseverance, stay faithful yourself

Careful instruction: accurate teaching of God's truth

V 3-5 this not always easy, people don't always want truth

K. LONG-RANGE GOALS 4:6-8

2 Timothy 4:6-8 *6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

Poured out like drink off: sacrificial offering of life near

Fought the good fight: pastoring a battle!!! Gk 'agony'

Finished the race: faithfulness to very end, race over

Gk: reward keeping torch burning, not speed

ME: life goal, funeral, "man of God"

Kept the faith: military term: stand guard, protect

Crown of righteousness: reward for faithfulness

Pastors special reward for eternity for faithfulness

Place crowns at Jesus' feet Rev 4:10

Longed for His appearing: NOT rewarded for church size,
Skill, accomplishments, but love/faithfulness to Jesus

Personal Requests 4:9-22

Personal messages – Mark come to him, bring coat & scrolls
Greetings to friends never see again

CLOSING

**If you were writing final words to loved son pastor
what would you say?**

Will you be able to say 4:6-8 at end of life?

What is your goal as a pastor?

REWARD/CROWN for faithfulness

Not own strength, done in Jesus' name

Wood hay stubble I Cor 3:12-15

I TIMOTHY

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I. ORDINATION OF TIMOTHY 1:3-20

A. PAUL WARNS AGAINST FALSE TEACH 1:3-11

B. PAUL TESTIFIES TO GOD'S GRACE 1:12-17

C. PAUL CHARGES TIMOTHY TO MINIST 1:18-20

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH 2:1 - 3:16

A. SUPPLICATION OF PRAYER 2:1-8

B. SUBJECTION OF WOMEN 2:9-15

C. SUPERVISION OF LEADERS 3:1-16

1. Overseer 3:1-7

2. Deacons 3:8-10,12

3. Deacons' Helpers 3:11

4. Timothy 3:14-16]

III. OPERATION OF TIMOTHY 4:1 - 6:19

A. SURVEY OF RESPONSIBILITY 4:1-16

1. The enemy: false teachers 4:1-5

2. The duty: faithful ministry 4:6-11

Godly life 4:12-16

B. SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS 5:1 - 6:2

1. Men & women 5:1-2

2. Older widows 5:3-10

3. Younger widows 5:11-16

4. Church leaders 5:17-25

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