Sound Doctrine: 1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy & Titus

Command and Teach (Give Yourself Entirely)

1st Timothy 4:10-16

Timothy - honoring God
A person, all pastors, me, us "be a timothy"

[Pray] :10-11

The pastoral aim:
<u>Command and teach</u>
sound doctrine

People don't like to be told what to do
Like suggestions over commands

"You're not the boss of me"

Ministry is a hazardous occupation

Hazard pay

- **Sheep bite**
- **goats cause trouble**
- **wolves kill**

Real ministry payday?
Healthy, reproducing sheep!

<u>Real ministry</u> comes at a <u>real cost</u>

#1 Hard Work

A - Ministry ain't easy *(who said it was?)*

B - Spiritual warfare has no days off

C - Laborers Are Few, Few are genuine

(About Timothy)
Philippians 2:20-21 – For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

Ministry hurt - worst from colaborers
Egos, expectations, communication
Paul, Barnabus - split over Mark
Many folks did Paul serious harm

Timothy, Keep your eyes on Jesus!

#2 Undeserved Opposition

- **Upset Sheep**
- **Offended Goats** (shouldn't be offended)
- **Hateful wolves**

"Good teaching will cause you to hate your sin or hate the pastor" - Unknown

Mat 10:22, 24-25 – "**And you will be hated by all for My name's sake**. But he who endures to the end will be saved. ... "**A disciple is not above [his] teacher, nor a servant above his master.** "It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master**. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more [will they call] those of his household!**

Paul, Timothy, others took it on willingly. For Jesus' sake. **<u>The savior of all.</u>** **Jesus died for all, but not all will believe**	*"What God intends for ALL, he actually gives to them that believe in Christ… Those that perish, perish through their own fault."* Clarke

Hated? Check. **(a) Timothy's Task?** **Despite the cost,** **Command and teach** sound doctrine	**A command must be taught in order to be obeyed** ***Teaching kids****, first tell/show, supervise, command and on their own*
Ultimate goal? **No longer even need** **to be commanded,** **they know it and want to do it**	**Psa 119:10-12** – With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! **Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.** Blessed [are] You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.
For us Timothy's… **God's commands are to be taken seriously** **THE ULTIMATE Authority** **FROM the Author**	**Tim, not a barking orders type** **But the command is to <u>command</u>** He has the authority to communicate with authority

:12 **Youth … timid Timothy, mid-30s** *"No indication that anyone in Ephesus had asked for Timothy…Paul had place him there."* PTW pp.121 **Ordained by locals - not a local, Galatian** *"Who died and made you king?*	**The buck stops somewhere** **Timothy was the senior authority** ● **Elder input, body temperature important** *Like family, wife's input, kids perspective* ● **Timothy's responsibility** **Problems with elder rule, member vote** *what if my kids voted…Calvary method*

Credibility halo, above 40 **Spiritual age != physical age** **Healthy church, all ages, all maturities** **Heb 5:12** – **For though by this time you ought to be teachers**, you need [someone] to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.	**A spiritually mature believer can accept Godly authority from someone younger** *And even want to help them lead!* **A spiritually mature young person will look for help from older believers** *And stir up their youthful zeal!* *Our societal breakdown, generations at odds*

(a) Timothy's task? **Lead by example**	**Not of perfection**, but pursuing, exercising Godliness **Example For who? The believers** Talk the talk, walk the walk *For, of - both!*
How? 1. **Word** says **Eph 4:29**, teaches 2. **Conduct** Life, behavior, qualifications 3. **Love** *His family, church, unbelievers* *love!=like, discipline is loving too* 4. **Spirit,** (attitude) Intent, full of Holy Spirit, spiritual life	5. **Faith** Believe himself? Walking in faith? *"Can only lead as far as you've gone"* 6. **Purity** Convictions, behind closed doors, Faithfulness "won't flee, abandon" *"These are the criteria to assess a pastor…(not funny, cool, popular, etc.)...must look for one who is an example" paraph., DG*
(a) Timothy's task: influence the body to be real believers **1 Cor 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **Real leadership leads in real life** Gracious, loving, authoritative, relationship	**Pastor is and does more than:** Set the service times, preach, be the face **He's the lead spiritual influence!** **The people start to look like him.** ● In Word, Cond…Purity. ● Even dress, CCOC ● *Dogs and owners … better or worse*

:13 until Paul comes, Jesus returns **(a) Timothy's Task** **Give attention to reading, teaching, exhorting**	*Wednesday night series, John, Psalms* **Jesus rebuked the religious** **"Have you not read?"** *CINO arguments, clearly even unread*
If the scripture is to be read, taught, preached anywhere, <u>it must be in church!</u> **2 Kings 22 Josiah**, the scroll *Church, pillar and ground of truth 3:15*	• **Read** (all of it) • **Taught** (through it) • **Applied** (how to do it) **Read PTW pp. 124** *hear what I wrote before reading*
Sunday morning is not a therapy session! • **Although the word is a "healing balm"** • **Jesus is the Chief Physician** • **Church is an ER for the sick** Truth is **We don't know what we really need** *Sisi band aids* *Googling your symptoms, doctor's eye roll*	*Emotions are godly, but the answer for our emotions is not to appeal to them - look at where society has gotten with that* Overly emotionally appealing "sermons" "You're so broke" while asking for $4m Megachurch emotionally appealing to members to sell houses to give! *Emotions beg us do things, hear things to feel better, but it doesn't last because it doesn't address the root of the emotion*
Real answers? Real healing? **Come to hear God's Word** **for God's sake** **Not yours** • He'll give you the better answer • Healing word • In the right way, the right time	**You'll become dependent on Jesus and His Word** Not emotional appeals, experiences **Isa 61:3** – To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

That's the mystery! • You come to minister to Him • and leave being more ministered to	"*The truth is, without the centrality of the Word and its exposition, there is no proper worship."* PTW pp124

:14-15 **(a) Timothy's Task:** **Don't waste your gifts** **Prophesied over,** ordainment **Have spiritual leaders given you** words? Tasks? Commands? **Have you seriously considered** God's calling, through them?	**Timothy didn't feel like the real deal. Didn't see himself that way.** God called him. Paul saw it. Elders prophesied. Timothy **<u>was</u>** ordained. *Seeing folks called,* *I am blessed to encourage and equip!* **And so many fall so short I believe because they settle.** *"Often we fall short of all we can be for God because we are passive in our Christian life; we simply do not give ourselves <u>entirely</u>"* DG
What has God <u>gifted</u> you with? **"Use it or lose it"** *Don't use, afraid to ruin, what's the point?* **God's gifts are given to be used** **How do you feel when someone doesn't use the gift you've given them?** Don't like, want, or worse, don't like you! **It's no different with God!** **His gifts cost Jesus the cross!** *"A Christian might have a saved soul but a wasted life"* - Alan Redpath	**Mediate**… mot navel…consider! **What Words? What gifts? What for?** **Devote yourself to what you know** The more you devote the clearer it becomes *Diet and exercise - people will eventually notice* **2 Peter 1:10** – Therefore, brethren, **be even more diligent** to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; **Life's work…** What work in your life counts for eternity? **Timothy…Devote yourself to it.** **<u>Entirely</u>.**

:16 **(A) Timothy's Task?** **Timothy's Own Faith & Ministry** • Rampant false doctrine • False motives, fleecing • False teachers • Doctrines of demons **Timothy's right ministry is needed more than ever.** **<u>So is yours.</u>** *Cancer screenings, age related* **In light of all this…** **Vital to continually check yourself** Before you wreck yourself And others	**Ultimately, the one who's responsible for Timothy is …Timothy** *"Timothy is as Timothy does"* **What a Timothy does is on Timothy to do** **Not to invent new doctrine,** **But to know and live sound doctrine** **Must be in the Word himself.** *Great awakening guys getting saved* *Sunday prep is not your only time* **Ensures his own salvation & sanctification** **And those who <u>actually</u> hear** **Eph 5:15-16 –** See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, **<u>redeeming the time</u>**, because the days are evil.
(a) Timothy's Task **Take seriously the things of God**	**In life** **In teaching** **In ministry**
Because commands, teaching, ministry, personal life **All points to the Living God** **The savior of all men**	**And He desires that none should perish**