

Paul to Timothy: “Be the leader God has called you to be....”

The Leader’s Commitment – 2 Timothy 2:1-15

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Our Series - Review

WEEK ONE: 1 Tim 1 - “The Leader’s Character”

1. Humility
2. Trustworthiness - Leaders understand their work as a trust to be guarded
3. Good Conscience - Leaders strive for a clean/clear conscience

WEEK TWO: 1 Timothy 2 - “The Leader’s Charge”

1. Be a prayerful church
2. Be a purified church
3. Be a church with harmonious marriages

WEEK THREE: 1 Timothy 6 - “The Leader’s Goals”

1. Pursue righteousness
2. Contending for the faith
3. Keep the trust
 - Be faithful to your profession
 - Live with Contentment
 - Avoid distractions

WEEK FOUR: 2 Timothy 1 - “The Leader’s Heart”

1. The Gospel is our treasure
 - Given with loving *Authority* - Received in *Sincerity*
 - Known for its *Integrity* - Protected and admired for its *Beauty*

II. THE LEADER’S COMMITMENT - *A Leader must be willing to pay the price required by the day*

A. THE JOB THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE:

V.1a “You then, my child,”

1. First of all, God speaks out of his great concern for our welfare. The Apostles learned such love from God

22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.... (1 Peter 1)

V. 1b “ be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

2. God wants to strengthen you freely in Christ

AND

V. 2 "... what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

3. God wants you to strengthen and encourage others

----> The life of Discipleship is a two-fold task:

- (1) Focusing on your own life
- (2) Helping in the lives of others

B. THE PRICE THAT MUST BE PAID

V. 3 "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

1. The business of spiritual leadership has its own costs and rewards

⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. (2Tim 2)

V. 6 "It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops."

2. Spiritual harvest comes just like natural harvest: by much work

V. 8 "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David ..."

3. Jesus is the model of the minister

V. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect ...

4. This calling requires endurance

IV. GOD'S COMMITMENT TO THE LEADER - *He will be with the Leader to the very end!*

A. THE ASSURANCE OF REWARD

V. 11 & 12a "If we have died with him, we will also live with him; "if we endure, we will also reign with him;"

B. THE PRESERVATION OF HIS SAINTS

V. 12b & 13 "if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself."

III. APPLICATION - *Take Stock - Take Action - Will you be found fit?*

V. 15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."