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2 Timothy 3:10-17

TASK

= to assign a duty or responsibility

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14-15

INTRODUCTION

- Mason Hillger has answered the questions of his ordination council...he has been examined as to his beliefs and his calling

in a few minutes, his council will gather around him and lay hands upon him...separating him into the gospel ministry to which God has called him

- all that remains is for me to challenge him from the Word of God

of course, it is only logical to use **2 Timothy** as my text

2 Timothy 4:1-2

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Paul challenged his son in the ministry to stay focused on the ministry

it is easy to get distracted in this age of growth marketing and social media

in thirty years of ministry, I have seen many changes take place in the ministry:

Jerry Falwell and The Moral Majority

Bill Hybels and The Seeker Sensitive Movement

Rick Warren and The Purpose Driven Life

Brian McLaren and The Emerging Church

those movements will come and go, but one thing will be consistent in your ministry, right from the start:

it won't take long for satan to tell you that you *can't* do all things through Christ

Philippians 4:13

he'll get you to focus on all the people you don't have in church, rather than two or three among whom God gathers

Matthew 18:20

and he'll try to convince you the promise of power, love, and a sound mind is not a valid promise

2 Timothy 1:7

there will be many voices telling you what to believe and how to go about accomplishing your calling

I want to be one of those voices

years from now, I want you to remember what I say here tonight and know that I told you it was coming...

1. YOUR TESTIMONY SHOULD BE EVIDENT

verses 10-11 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

Paul provided a pattern for Timothy to follow

HIS DOCTRINE

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

HIS MANNER OF LIFE

Acts 24:16

And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men

HIS PURPOSE

Acts 20:24

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

HIS FAITH

Paul's faith in Christ and the assurance of his calling brought this great man of God through many trials, near-death experiences, persecution, and prison

verse 11 ...out of them all the Lord delivered me

2. TRIBULATION SHOULD BE EXPECTED

verses 12-13 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Paul didn't say this was a possibility...he said all **WILL** suffer persecution

persecute = to cause to flee

know this: you are not the first to suffer, and you will not be the last

Hebrews 12:1

Wherefore seeing we are also compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses...

in **1:8**, Paul reminds us he was in prison

Hebrews 11 tells us others were laughed at, rejected, despised, tortured

and it is only going to get worse...

evil men = satanic in actions

seducers = imposters, magicians

literally a wailer, one who makes the most noise and draws a crowd

this is the reason you are being sent forth into the gospel ministry

the world is a dark place and you are to carry the light

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

decide now where you will turn and who you will trust when the days grow darker and friends forsake you

3. YOUR TREASURE WILL BE EXACT

verses 14-15 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

CONTINUE...Paul challenged Timothy to keep on, to stay put, to abide in his calling

Hebrews 10:38-39

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

the ministry is more than just a job or even an adventure...it is the highest calling a man can attain

you have already set aside the offers of
this life...scholarships and jobs

don't decide later on to leave the ministry
and chase money or fame

don't leave the Baptist movement

don't forsake the *King James Bible*

and you better not become a Calvinist

verses 16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

thoroughly furnished = to finish out

2 Peter 1:3

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

the One who has called you will provide all you need: food, shelter, protection...He promised to do so

1 Thessalonians 5:24

Hebrews 13:5