

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: 2 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Timothy 2:1-2 – *be a faithful steward of the words and work of the Lord!*

Today's Message:

"The Steward"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, Paul admonished Timothy to not be *ashamed of the testimony of our Lord*, nor of him who was in a Roman dungeon for Christ's sake awaiting execution. Evidently, he had fears! Today, we will begin the key chapter of this book and comprehend the incredible **STEWARDSHIP** entrusted to Timothy. Verse 2 is one of our favorite verses related to **DISCIPLESHIP**. And we will learn that it speaks of more than just 2 people having a Bible study! It is a serious thing to be entrusted with the words and work of the Lord. **1Cor 4:2** says, "*Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*"

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 2 Timothy 2:1-2

#1. The Steward – the *therefore* is THERE FOR a REASON... considering chapter 1!

COMMITTED UNTO THEE... KEEP BY THE HOLY GHOST

1 Timothy 6:20
*"O Timothy,
 keep that which
 is committed
 to thy trust..."*

- ✓ Timothy was a **STEWARD** of WHAT GOD HAD GIVEN HIM through Paul. **1:13-14**
 - *HOLD FAST the form of sound words WHICH THOU HAST HEARD OF ME...*
 - *That good thing WHICH WAS COMMITTED unto thee KEEP by the Holy Ghost...*
- ✓ The word "steward" is found **20** times in 18 verses in the KJB.
 - 1st mention: **Gen 15:2; 24:1-4** – the **steward** of Abraham's house was *Eliezer*.
 - In this passage, the *steward* is a TYPE of the Holy Spirit.
 - The doctrine – *the Holy Ghost is the steward of God the Father's house!*
 - **OT:** The *steward* was **RESPONSIBLE** for all in the house. **Gen 43:19; 1Chr 28:1**
 - **NT:** The *steward* is **ACCOUNTABLE** to the master. **Mt 20:8; Lk 12:42-48; 16:1-13**
 - **CHURCH:** The *steward* is **REQUIRED** to be faithful. **1Cor 4:1-2; Tit 1:7; 1Pet 4:10**
- ✓ Paul charged Timothy then to *BE STRONG in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*.
 - The Holy Ghost has sufficient GRACE. **"My grace is sufficient for thee" 2 Cor 12:9**
 - The Holy Ghost has keeping STRENGTH. **"...for my strength is made perfect..."**

3 Applications of Scripture

- 1) **Historical** – the Bible is 100% correct in its history.
- 2) **Doctrinal** – the Bible is prophetic; teaches us truth
- 3) **Devotional** – the Bible applies to our lives today!

NOTE Timothy's *stewardship* was MISSION CRITICAL; the Holy Ghost was his HELP!

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#2. The Same – Paul charged Timothy to teach others the SAME DOCTRINE!**THE THINGS THAT THOU HAST HEARD OF ME**

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"Doctrine"
In a general
sense, whatever
is taught.

- ✓ In **1:13**, he said, "**Hold fast the FORM of sound words, which thou hast heard of me.**"
- ✓ In **1Tim 1:3**, he said, "... charge some that they teach no other doctrine."
- ✓ In **1Tim 3:15**, he said, "... church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
- ✓ In **1Tim 4:6**, he said, "... the words of faith and of good doctrine...thou hast attained."
- ✓ In **1Tim 4:13**, he said, "... give attendance... to reading... to exhortation... to doctrine."
- ✓ In **1Tim 4:16**, he said, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine..."
- ✓ In **1Tim 5:17**, he said, "... especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."
- ✓ In **1Tim 6:3**, he said, "... to wholesome words... the words of our Lord... the doctrine..."

NOTE There is no doubt; Paul wanted Timothy to teach WHAT he had been taught!

THE SAME

There are **TRULY**
ONLY 2 Religions!
1) Jesus Christ alone
2) Everything else

- ✓ We must LEARN **the same** SOUND DOCTRINE taught throughout Church History!
- ✓ We must HOLD FAST **the same** SOUND DOCTRINE – the *old paths* of Church History!
- ✓ We must KEEP **the same** SOUND DOCTRINE – the SAME TRUTH – the SAME BOOK!
- ✓ There are **2** lines of BIBLE TEACHING in Church History. **Mk 1:22; 11:18; 12:38**
- ✓ There are **2** lines of BIBLES in Church History. **Acts 11:26; 2Cor 2:17; Rev 22:18-21**

NOTE We are the stewards of God... stewards of the family of God, of the mysteries of God... of the manifold grace of God... and stewards of the doctrine of God!

#3. The Faithful – there must be FAITHFUL men and women to TEACH OTHERS!**COMMIT THOU TO FAITHFUL MEN**

Question
What are you
committed to?

- ✓ The faithful are FAILING. **Psalms 12:1** (Help LORD; for the godly man ceaseth...)
- ✓ The faithful are hard to FIND. **Proverbs 20:6; 31:10** (...a faithful man who can find?)

NOTE We are not just called to attend church; we are called to multiply disciples!

WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO

Question
Will you commit
your life to the
words and work
of the Lord?

- ✓ It is a COMMAND.
- ✓ It is a PROMISE.
- ✓ It is STEWARDSHIP.
- ✓ It is DISCIPLESHIP.
- ✓ It is MORE than just a Bible study.
- ✓ It is our MISSION.
- ✓ It is our LIFE PURPOSE.

What is your commitment to the words and work of the Lord?

- ☐ Pastor, I desire to be **discipled**.
- ☐ Pastor, I am making myself **available** to be a discipler by training or by being discipled.
- ☐ Pastor, I want to **learn** more about discipleship. I will commit to a 1 on 1 Bible study with a discipler.

NOTE: Use Discipleship "My Response" card and place in Giving box.

NOTE It is time to repent of a lukewarm Christian life; we are here to help you.

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