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Faithfulness in the Face of Adversity

1 Timothy 1:1-11

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Themes of Bad Teaching in the Church

1. Poor interpretation and handling of Scripture (1:4; 2:12-15; 4:7)
2. Bearing anti-fruits of the spirit (2:8)
3. Fake news spreads (2:9-15)
4. Fragmentation of God's family (5:1-6:5)
5. Using the gospel or the church to gain power, wealth, and influence (6:5)

1 Timothy 1:5

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Themes of Good Teaching in the Church (from 1 Tim 4:6-16)

1. Its a family event! (v. 6)
2. We need to learn healthy doctrine (v. 6)
3. Healthy doctrine leads to Christ-likeness (v. 7)
4. The work is hard but we have an end goal (v. 10)
5. Scripture is our base (v. 13)
6. We will actually get better at this over time (v. 15)
7. Maintain awareness together (v. 16)

A Church Who Learns

A foundational characteristics of the church is we are a learning community.

We are a group of disciples making disciples and becoming disciples.



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2 Timothy 1:8-14

2 Tim 2:1-10

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- Paul Miller, A Praying Life

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2 Timothy 2:11-13

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

If we endure, we will also reign with him;

If we deny him, he also will deny us;

If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.



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