

II Timothy 3:1-14- “Continue in the Things Which Thou Hast Learned”

Intro:

The theme of II Timothy has to do with the personal walk and testimony of a true servant of Christ in a day of apostasy and declension. As Paul was imprisoned in Rome, awaiting his execution he was burdened for the next generation. This burden didn't just begin here however, but started much earlier in his ministry. Now as he warns Timothy of the coming wickedness and apostasy, he also reaffirms the provision for success and dedication. For so many years Paul had been discipling Timothy, and now he exhorts him to continue in those things which he had learned.

Continue: to go on or keep on, as in some course or action; to last or endure; remain, maintain, or persevere

Mat 15:32 ¶ Then Jesus called his disciples [unto him], and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

Jhn 8:31 ¶ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed;

Jhn 15:9 ¶ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Act 13:43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

Col 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and [be] not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, [and] which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

1Ti 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

- I. Continue in doctrine
 - a. Paul clearly made it a point for Timothy to understand the important doctrines
 - b. Timothy was not only taught, but assured of these things
 - i. Luke 1:4 “That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.”

- ii. They became his convictions as well
 - iii. Paul did not just teach Timothy in purely an academic sense
 - iv. The best parts of Christianity are caught not taught
 - c. It all began with Timothy catching Paul's **doctrine**. The reason Paul lived the way he lived was because he believed certain things. What we believe will determine how we live
- II. Continue in manner of life
 - a. Through persecution
 - b. Response to adversity
- III. Continue in Purpose
 - a. Seeing souls saved
 - b. Bringing glory to God
 - c. No ulterior motive
 - d. Timothy caught Paul's **purpose**: Paul's life had a purpose. It was not without direction. He was going somewhere, and that purpose had been established by God. Timothy saw that in Paul, he caught it, and he wanted to live his life that way.
 - i. Vision
 - e. Your kids see what is the purpose of your life

**Paul knew the only hope for the next generation was in the word of God