

“Faith Shipwrecked”

1 Timothy 1: 18-20
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The Gospel Charge Is The Purity Of Heart That Is The Fruit Of Correct Doctrine, Faith & Love, (vs. 3 - 4)

Message Emphasis: Many are in danger of “running aground” when it comes to their Christian relationship. Simply put, many do not see the necessity of holding to biblical doctrine as the cornerstone of their faith. Rather, many have made faith an additive that is supposed to make life better without really affecting the core essence of what it means to be a follower of Christ. We MUST understand that as a Christian, we are called to contend for the faith and fight for the primacy of faith in everyday life.

“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,” (2 Timothy 1:8-9, ESV)

The Gospel Charge Warns That Abandoning Pure Faith & Doctrine Leads To Destruction, (vs. 18 - 20)

- Faith is a battle that MUST be waged continuously
 - *Commissions are passed from one generation to the next* **This charge I entrust** (Pres.Mid.Ind) **to you,**
 - *Commissions are passed to those who have been trained* **Timothy, my child,**
 - *Commissions are passed to those who have been set apart for the task*
in accordance with the prophecies previously MADE (Pres.Act.Part) **about you,**
- Faith is a battle that MUST be waged intentionally, (18b - 19a)
 - *Commissions are not for prominence but for warfare* *We MUST ask why someone desires to be a pastor?*
that by them you may wage (Pres.Mid.Subj) **the good warfare,** *“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.” (James 3:1, ESV)*
 - *Commissions require the faithful stewardship of sound doctrine* *We MUST ask if someone is able to be a pastor?*
holding (Pres.Act.Part) **faith and a good conscience.** *“He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.” (Titus 1:9-11, ESV)*
- Faith is a battle that MUST be waged decisively, (19b)
By rejecting (Aor.Mid.Part) **this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander,** *“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.” (1 Timothy 6:9-10, ESV)*
- Faith is a battle that MUST be waged aggressively
whom I have handed (Aor.Act.Ind) **over to Satan that they may learn** (Aor.Pas.Subj) **not to blaspheme** (Pres.Act.Inf).

What Must I Do To Fulfill The Charge?

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul; ONLY in Christ will you be able to fight the good fight of faith.

6. The Gospel Charge Reveals The Purposes Of God In Human Affairs, (vs. 2:1 - 7)
7. The Gospel Charge Highlights God's Institution of Authority In Daily Living, (vs. 8 - 15)
8. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Instruct In Doctrine, (vs. 3: 1 - 7)
9. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Lead In Service, (vs. 8 - 13)
10. The Gospel Charge Summarizes How We Live In The Mystery Of The Gospel, (vs. 14 - 16)
11. The Gospel Charge Clarifies That All Things Created By God Are Good, (vs. 4: 1 - 5)