

Remember and Continue (2 Timothy 3:10-13)

- As Christians, God demonstrates his love to us in many diverse ways
- He has given the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the church & other Christians
- Not least of all is the godly example of other Christians in our lives
- We can all think of godly examples, men/ women who imitate Christ.
- After describing false teachers – their very characters are self-serving
- Paul now reminds Timothy of his own life of selflessness and sacrifice
- He exhorts Timothy: remember & continue in the godly example he set

I. Remember My Life and Example (3:10)

- **“But you have carefully followed”** suggests deep intimacy
- *My way of life*: My doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance
- 4 graces/virtues clearly seen in Paul’s life & opposite of false teachers
- faith (toward God), love (toward all), long suffering(toward others), & perseverance (to the end)

II. Remember My Persecutions (3:11)

- Paul reminded Timothy of the suffering Timothy had seen him endure
- How these events had left an impression on Timothy (Acts 14:20)
- *My rescue*: and out of *them* all the Lord delivered me 11b cf Ps 34:19

III. Remember this True Statement/ Axiom (3:12,13)

- *True Teacher* all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus suffer persecution
- Jesus the mystery of Gospel (1 Tim 3:16)– that no servant is greater than his master (John 15:20)