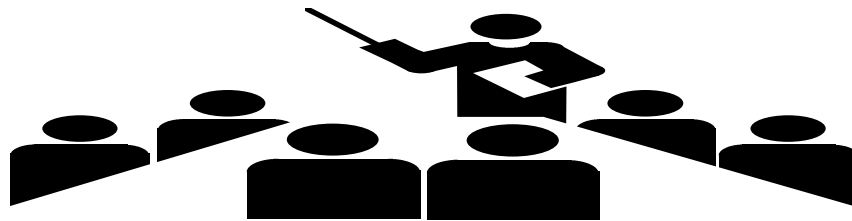


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Topic:
“Guidelines for Ministers”

Teaching Outline

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Guidelines for Ministers

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1 Timothy 1-4

EXHORTATIONS

2 Timothy 1:1-18

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 2 Tim. 1:6

PRIORITIES

2 Timothy 2:1-26

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

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But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth. 2 Tim. 2:23-25

WARNINGS

2 Timothy 3:1-13

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come. 2 Tim. 3:1

CONVICTIONS

2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:1-8

That the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim. 3:17

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1 Timothy 1-4

Proposition

Paul's second letter to Timothy, his son in the ministry, contains insights that can guide ministers as they lead, serve, and maintain the spirit of unity within the church.

EXHORTATIONS

2 Timothy 1:1-18

- ❑ **Appreciate your spiritual heritage.** (1 Tim. 1:3-5)
 - Our forefathers' example of service with a pure conscience
 - Our parents' and/or grandparents' example of genuine faith
- ❑ **Stir up the gift of God that is in you.** (1 Tim. 1:6)
- ❑ **Do not be afraid to let God use you.** (1 Tim. 1:7)
 - God has not given us a spirit of fear or timidity.
 - God has given us power, love, and a sound mind.
- ❑ **Do not be ashamed to share Christ and suffer for Him.** (1 Tim. 1:8-12)
 - God saved us for His purpose.
 - God can be trusted to keep what we have committed to Him.
- ❑ **Hold fast to the sound doctrine that has been committed to you.** (1 Tim. 1:13-14)
- ❑ **Minister to those that God has placed in authority over you.** (1 Tim. 1:15-18)

PRIORITIES

2 Timothy 2:1-26

- ❑ **Making Disciples** (1 Tim. 2:1-7)
 - The Necessary Steps (1 Tim. 2:1-2)
 1. Submit to the discipleship process. (allow yourself to be disciplined)
 2. Find faithful people. (those who are willing to be disciplined and to disciple others)
 3. Disciple them as you were disciplined.
 4. Train them to disciple others.
 - The Necessary Commitment (1 Tim. 2:3-7)
 1. The devotion of a soldier. (3-4)
 2. The discipline of an athlete. (5)
 3. The diligence of a farmer. (6)

- **Sharing the Gospel** (1 Tim. 2:8-13)
 - The Content of the Gospel (1 Tim. 2:8)
 - The Willingness to Suffer for the Sake of the Gospel (1 Tim. 2:9)
 - The Rewards for Enduring Hardships for the Sake of Christ. (1 Tim. 2:10-13)

- **Teaching the Word** (1 Tim. 2:14-18)
 - Teach the word of God: don't strive about words. (14)
 - Seek God's approval: don't seek human approval. (15)
 - Rightly divide the word of truth: don't teach heresies, nor twist meanings for your own purposes. (15-16)
 - Nurture people's faith in Christ: don't cause them to stray from the truth or overthrow their faith. (17-18)

- **Pursuing Holiness** (1 Tim. 2:19-22)
 - Pursuing holiness means departing from evil because we belong to the Lord. (19)
 - Pursuing holiness means letting God cleanse our hearts so that we can become vessels of honor. (20-21)
 1. Set apart for God
 2. Useful to the Master
 3. Prepared for every good work
 - Pursuing holiness means fleeing youth lusts so that we can worship and serve God out of a pure heart. (22)

- **Correcting the Confused** (1 Tim. 2:23-26)
 - Do not quarrel, argue, or dispute. (23-24)
 - Be gentle and patient as you teach. (24)
 - Be humble as you correct those who are in opposition. (25-26)
 1. God might grant them repentance so that they may know the truth.
 2. They might come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil.

WARNINGS
2 Timothy 3:1-13

In the last days perilous times will come. There will be an increase in the following:

- **Moral decay** [People will go from bad to worse] (1 Tim. 3:1-4)
 - They will become self-centered and egotistical.
 - They will become disrespectful and rebellious.
 - They will become cruel and abusive.
 - They will become stubborn and arrogant.
 - They will become disloyal and immoral.

- **Godless formalism** [People will have a form of godliness but deny its power] (1 Tim. 3:5-9)
 - They will take advantage of weak people
 - They will reject the truth
 - They will rebel against God's leaders
 - They will have corrupt minds
 - Their progress will be halted
 - Their folly will be revealed

- **Religious persecution** [People who live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution] (1 Tim. 3:10-12)
 - Persecution comes to those who live godly in Christ Jesus.
 - Persecution comes, but it must be endured, not escaped.
 - Persecution comes, but God will deliver us out of them all.

- **Religious imposters** [People will be deceiving and being deceived] (1 Tim. 3:13)

CONVICTIONS

2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:1-8

- **God's word is the solid foundation upon which to build our lives.** (1 Tim. 3:14,15)
 - As our children's first Christian educators, we must teach them God's word at home. (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15)
 - We must expose our children to God's word through the children's ministries of a nurturing church.
 - We must to continue to be faithful to the ministry of the word throughout the course of our lives.
- **God's word makes us wise unto salvation.** (1 Tim. 3:14,15)
 - It gives us God's plan of salvation.
 - It teaches that salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.
- **God's word transforms every area of our lives.** ((1 Tim. 3:16)
 - It is useful for doctrine: teaching us the truth.
 - It is useful for reproof: reproofing our false doctrine & wrong thinking
 - It is useful for correction: correcting our immorality and bad behavior
 - It is useful for instruction in righteousness: training us in living right
- **God's word enables us to reach our full potential as men and women of God.** (1 Tim. 3:17)
 - It enables us to grow to maturity in Christ.
 - It equips us thoroughly for every good work.
- **God's word guides our ministries.** (1 Tim. 4:2-5)
 - It instructs us to preach the word in season and out of season.
 - It instructs us to convince those in error.
 - It instructs us to rebuke those who are going astray.
 - It instructs us to exhort (encourage) everyone.
 - It instructs us to teach with patience and longsuffering
 1. The time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine.
 2. The time will come when people with itching ears will heap for themselves teachers according to their own desires.
 3. The time will come when people will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables.
 - It instructs us to be watchful in all things.
 - It instructs us to endure afflictions.
 - It instructs us to do the work of an evangelist.
 - It instructs us to fulfill our ministry.
- **God's word inspires us in life and in death.** (1 Tim. 4:6-8)
 - It enables us to meet death courageously. (6)
 - It enables us to live life victoriously. (7)
 - It enables us to face judgment expectantly. (8)