

Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 16

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Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. - 2 Timothy 3:10-12

Day 1 Verse 10

Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, —2 Timothy 3:10

1. What two things is Paul contrasting with the use of the word “but” or “now”?

2. How had Timothy followed Paul’s life and ministry?

3. What do the following verses tell us about the importance of the company we keep?
 - a. Psalm 1:1

b. Proverbs 13:20

c. Proverbs 22:24-25

d. Proverbs 27:17

e. 1 Corinthians 15:33

f. James 4:4

4. Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-17. How does it connect to this passage?

Heart-Check

What kind of company do you keep? Company can be people, social media, movies, TV series, books, etc.

Are you following someone who can say they are following Christ?

What is the danger of giving your attention to those who are not of good company?

Do you make allowances, thinking they will not affect you?

Day 2 Verse 10

Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, —2 Timothy 3:10

1. What is the connection between Paul's teaching, conduct, faith, patience, love, and perseverance?

2. In how many of Paul's epistles does he mention Timothy as being with him when he wrote it?
 - a. What does this tell us about their relationship?

3. What was Paul's aim or purpose? Use Scripture to support your answer.

4. What was the importance of Paul's patience?

5. How important is love in the life of a believer? See 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and Galatians 5:22-23.

6. What does it mean to be steadfast or to persevere, especially in Paul and Timothy's context?

Heart-Check

Are you patient in suffering?

Do you show patience in the everyday mundane things?

Are there areas you need to grow in conduct, faith, patience, love, and perseverance? Write them out and ask the Lord to help you.

Day 3 Verse 11

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1. Read Acts 13-14. What happened to Paul in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra?
2. What 2 qualities are in this verse that Timothy is supposed to follow?
3. Where can we find a summary of Paul's life sufferings?

4. What does Paul say about his suffering in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18?

5. What was Paul's heart toward suffering? See Romans 8:18 and 2 Corinthians 12:10.

Heart-Check

What is your first response to a trial?

Are you looking for ways the Lord can glorify Himself?

Write or say a prayer asking the Lord to show you His glory in your trials and sufferings.

Day 4 Verse 11

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1. How did the Lord rescue Paul from persecution?

2. What does God's Word say about rescuing His own? See Psalm 34:19.
 - a. When God rescues us, does He always change our circumstances?

 - b. How does 2 Timothy 4:18 help us better understand this concept?

- c. From Daniel 3:17-18, what should our heart be if God chooses not to change our circumstances?
 - d. Why do you think the Lord chooses not to take trials from us? See 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Romans 5: 3-5.
3. If Paul has told Timothy to follow his suffering and persecution, what does this tell us about what Timothy is about to face?
4. What does 1 Thessalonians 3: 3-4, 7 tell us about Paul and Timothy's suffering already?

Heart-Check

Has there ever been a time in your life when the Lord did not change your circumstances but changed your heart during them and thus delivered you?

What did He teach you about Himself?

How can you better prepare for future trials and suffering?

Day 5 Verse 12

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. –2 Timothy 3:12

1. What is the promise of this verse?
2. Why will all who desire to live a godly life be persecuted?

3. Should persecution be surprising to a believer?
4. Why does godliness make people so angry?
5. Find Scripture that tells us what Christ says about persecution.
6. What are persecutions, and is persecution simply being beaten, imprisoned, or martyred?
 - a. What varying degrees of persecution are there?

b. What are some “smaller scale” persecutions that we can easily disregard in the life of another?

c. What must you do to avoid persecution?

Heart-Check

What is your attitude towards those who are godlier or mature in the faith?

Have you ever been attacked for your godliness?

Have you ever attacked anyone for their godliness?

If you are not receiving opposition for your faith, what might this be an indication of?

Has there ever been a time when you have compromised to avoid opposition? What is the root of this sin and what must you do if this has/is taking place?

Dig Deeper

1. Take time to thank God that He has rescued you from ultimate death.
2. Look up all the passages that tell us about what Christ suffered.