

Series Title:

“Passing the Torch of Truth”
(An Exposition of the Book of II Timothy)

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Sermon Title:

“A Veteran’s Counsel to a Young Soldier”
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Sermon Text:

II Timothy 1:1-12

Introduction/Review:

- I. Paul’s Words Of Introduction (1:1-4)
- II. Paul’s Words Of Instruction (1:5-12)
 - A. Remember your heritage (1:5)
 - B. Rekindle your gift (1:6-7)
 - C. Refuse to be ashamed (1:8-12)
 - 1) Don’t ever be ashamed of your Savior (1:8a)
 - 2) Don’t ever be ashamed of your salvation (1:9-10)
 - 3) **Don’t ever be ashamed of His Servants** (1:8b, 11-12)

“In these unforgettable verses, there are two things that Paul brings to Timothy’s attention about being a servant of Jesus Christ which are intended to put strength in his soul and steel in his spine as he served the Lord in a hostile, Christ-rejecting world.”

I. When It Comes To Serving Christ, _____ Is _____ (1:11-12a)

- **II Timothy 1:8; Luke 6:22**
- Those who will faithfully serve the Lord will be _____, _____, and _____ - you can count on it! (**II Timothy 3:12; John 16:33**)

A. Paul highlights his _____ for the Lord (v. 11)

“Paul wanted Timothy to understand that he was suffering for the Gospel. He wanted him to know that he was in prison because he had faithfully served the Lord. He doesn’t hold anything back; he doesn’t paint a rosy picture – he tells it like it is!”

- The word **“appointed”** indicates that _____ alone chose Paul to be a preacher, apostle, and a teacher.

Literally, Paul was given a _____!

- **Colossians 1:23; Acts 9:15**
- The flow of Paul’s argument in this section is that _____ leads to _____.
- The word translated **“preacher”** is the Greek term describing an _____.

- *According to William Barclay, there were three things that characterized a First Century Imperial Herald:*

1) *The herald had in his voice a note of _____* (I Corinthians 2:1-2)

2) *The herald had in his voice the note of _____*

3) *The herald's message came from a source of _____*

- Paul saw the gospel as something to be _____ communicated! (II Corinthians 2:3-5)

- *II Corinthians 5:19-20; I Corinthians 4:2, Matthew 25:21*

- The word translated "*apostle*" means "one _____ on a _____."

- The Greek word for "*teacher*" is a word that speaks of someone who is skilled in _____ what the Bible _____.

"The whole point here is that the Lord chooses when, where and how we are to serve Him. Our responsibility is to be available, willing, and faithful!"

B. Paul highlights his _____ for the Lord (1:12a)

- The word "*suffer*" means to be affected by something from _____ - in this case it was **the evil actions of Christ-rejecting men!**

- *Acts 13-28; II Corinthians 11:23-29*

- *II Timothy 4:21; Hebrews 11:24-26*

- In the Greek, the phrase "*but I am not ashamed*" is what is called an _____ In other words, ***in no way was Paul ashamed!***

- How could Paul be so honored by something others might be so ashamed of?

Conclusion:

Paul closes with a profound statement of faith that to this day still causes the people of the Lord around the world to rejoice!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.