

Series Title:

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

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Sermon Title:

“A Call to Spiritual Reproduction”
(Part 1)

Sermon Text:

II Timothy 2:1-2

Introduction:

Here in the opening verses of this chapter, Paul’s exhortation to Timothy is basically two-fold:

I. Paul Gives Timothy A _____ To _____ (2:1)

- Paul writes in an effort to _____ him with _____ in order to carry on the ministry of the Gospel.
- *The word translated “you” is emphatic in the Greek; that is, it is a _____ - and as such it highlights the fact that Paul was making a _____ and an impassioned _____ to Timothy.*
- There are three things that I want you to notice about this command:

A. It is a command that comes with _____ (v. 1a)

- This is not only _____ authority, but also _____ authority. It is from **God** through **man**.

“In light of Timothy’s struggles and the prospect of failure – it was absolutely essential that he take heed to Paul’s command and that he do it with a sense of urgency!”

B. It is a command that reveals _____ (v. 1b)

- What is the significance of the words “**my son**”? (I Timothy 1:2, 18; II Timothy 1:2, 2:1)
- *Paul could call Timothy his son because truth had _____ them together and had _____ them together.*
- Paul uses multiple pictures in this chapter to illustrate some of the various facets of the Christian life: _____ (2:1); _____ (2:2); _____ (2:3,4); _____ (2:5); _____ (2:6); _____ (2:9-10); _____ (2:15); _____ (2:21); _____ (2:24)

There was a tenderness in the heart of _____ because there is a tenderness in the heart of _____!

C. It is a command that screams (v. 1c)

- The Greek word for “**strong**” means “to be _____, to have power,” or “to put _____.”
- **Paul is not asking Timothy to “be strong” but “to be _____.”**
- **The word “grace” is used in several different ways in the New Testament:** 1) It can be used of the past act of unmerited _____ which brings salvation; 2) It can be used of the future resplendent _____ which will be ours at Christ’s return; and 3) It can be used of the resurrected _____ available to us in Christ here on earth.

We are talking about a _____ life! (John 1:16; James 4:6)

- Paul issues this important directive as a _____ (imperative mood), one that is to be carried out _____ (present tense).
- Timothy was to continually allow the Lord to fill him with His power and strength – and so are we. **But how do we do that?**
- **Jude 20; Ephesians 6:10**
- John Calvin said that the phrase “**which is in Christ Jesus**” is added for two reasons: 1) to show that the grace comes from _____ alone, and from no other; and 2) to show that no Christian will ever be _____ of it!

The Challenge – “Be strong”; **The Channel** – “in the grace.”

“It is an amazing paradox that God is sovereign and yet He depends on men to preserve, guard, and pass on His Word, His truth! But that is exactly what He has done!”

Conclusion:

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.