

**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 2)

**Sermon Text:**

**II Timothy 2:1-2**

**Introduction/Review:**

- In *Matthew 28:19-20* Jesus makes it clear that every one of His followers is called upon to \_\_\_\_\_.

*“The growth of God’s kingdom in this world has always hinged on the principle that true disciples of Christ must be involved in the business of spiritual reproduction.”*

- **II Timothy 2:2 is like a \_\_\_\_\_ formula for \_\_\_\_\_ multiplication!**
- What is the single, most important word in this verse?

*The teacher is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the chain that goes all the way back to Jesus Christ.*

- We are to be \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s truth, not \_\_\_\_\_!
- *Here in the opening verses of this chapter, Paul’s exhortation to Timothy is basically two-fold:*

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

II. **Paul Gives Timothy A \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_** (2:2)

- Having just exhorted Timothy to be *strong* (v. 1), Paul now exhorts him to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- *This great verse contains three major sections, each dealing with a different time period in this spiritual sequence of passing the torch of truth:*

A. **The \_\_\_\_\_ of discipleship** (v. 2a)

- The word “**And**” naturally links Timothy’s \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s grace (v. 1) with his \_\_\_\_\_ to pass on the spiritual truths that Paul had given to him. (v. 2)
- What does the phrase “**the things**” refer to?
- What is the significance of the phrase “**which you have heard from me**”?

- The point is, **the prerequisite of discipleship** is a \_\_\_\_\_ event – for it is impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ something that we don't \_\_\_\_\_!
- *John 18:20*

**B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of discipleship** (v. 2b)

- How was Timothy to protect the “*deposit*” of God’s truth?
- Just as **the prerequisite of discipleship** is a *past* event – so it is that **the process of discipleship** is a \_\_\_\_\_ event.
- The word “***entrust***” literally means, “*to place something \_\_\_\_\_,*” or “*to place something \_\_\_\_\_ someone.*”
- *Mark 6:41*
- The word translated “***faithful***” speaks of men who prove themselves \_\_\_\_\_, worthy of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in fulfilling the ministry that has been entrusted to them.

***The bottom line is that Paul was referring to \_\_\_\_\_.***

*“When it comes to passing the torch of truth, we are not to deposit God’s eternal Word into the lives of just any believer. Instead, they must prove themselves worthy of this eternal investment!”*

- \_\_\_\_\_ ***is the dividing line between mediocrity and excellence in Christian living!***

**Conclusion:**

***Every Christian must see himself as a link between two generations – for it is not only a privilege to receive the Christian faith, it is a duty to pass it along!***

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.