

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, cont.)

Sermon Text:

II Timothy 2:1-2

Introduction/Review:

II Timothy 2:2 is like a mathematical formula for spiritual multiplication!

- *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)

- *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? (1:13-14)
- 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 _____!
- The phrase, “**in the presence of many witnesses**” simply indicates that there were others who could testify to the _____, _____, and _____ of the things that Paul had taught.
- **John 18:20**

The significant point is that _____ always precedes _____!

B. The _____ of discipleship (v. 2b)

- How was Timothy to protect the “**deposit**” of God’s truth?

- **The primary role of the child of God** is to keep the Word of God _____ and _____ it along to the next generation in its _____!
- Just as **the prerequisite of discipleship** is a *past* event – so it is that **the process of discipleship** is a _____ event.
- In light of the Greek construction, Paul is literally commanding Timothy with a sense of _____!
- 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!”

- **The treasure of God’s Truth isn’t to be randomly _____; rather it is to be carefully _____ into the lives of faithful believers.**
- _____ is the dividing line between mediocrity and excellence in Christian living!

Never underestimate the power of passing on the Word of God to trustworthy men!

Conclusion:

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