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The Steward's Trust

Lesson Seven • 1 Timothy 1:18-20

The Steward's Trust in 1 Timothy 1:3-20

The STEWARD'S TASK	The STEWARD'S TESTIMONY	The STEWARD'S TRUST
From the Master to Paul to Timothy (1:3-11)	By Paul (1:12-17)	To Timothy (1:18-20)

Paul's Charge to Timothy: Your task is to silence the false teachers in Ephesus for the timeless purpose of managing God's household according to the gospel.

Paul's Two-Fold Concern for Timothy: Fight *against* the **DISORDER** of the false teachers and fight for *restoring* God's **ORDER** in His household by His glorious gospel.

Paul's Challenge to Timothy: Fight to be a **FAITHFUL** steward who furthers God's order by fighting the good fight and keeping the faith!

The Steward's Trust: Fight the Good Fight God's Way!

1. The Gospel Trust Is **TRANSFERABLE**.

"This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son," (v. 18a)

The Gospel Trust Is Transferable from One **GENERATION** to the Next.

From the triune God to Christ's Apostles and Prophets to the Household of God, the local church of the living God! Ephesians 2:20; 3:15-16

The Bible Does Not Teach Apostolic **SUCCESSION** of Certain Men.

Galatians 1:15-16; Acts 13:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Timothy 4:13-16

The Bible Does Teach Apostolic **STEWARDSHIP** of Sound Doctrine.

2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Timothy 3:1-16; 1 Timothy 6:3; Titus 1:1

How Do We "Pass the Baton" of the Gospel Trust?

- **FULFILL** the Great Commission: *Planting, establishing, and multiplying local churches among all people groups.*
Matthew 28:18-20; Book of Acts Reveals How the Apostles Understood the Great Commission
- **MAKE** Disciples Who Make Disciples (E-D-M): *Evangelism for Numerical Growth, Discipleship for Spiritual Growth, Missions for Geographical Growth.*
Book of Acts Is Structured Around Seven Growth Reports
- **ORDAIN** Qualified Male Leaders: *Men who are above reproach according to the 23 benchmarks of a godly man.*
Acts 14:21-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9

*How are you participating in these things as a member or potential member of our church?
How are you leading your family to experience these things in your home through your example?
Christianity is always one generation away from extinction! Psalm 78:6-8*

2. The Gospel Task Is **ACHIEVABLE**.

"in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, keeping faith and a good conscience," (vv. 18b-19a)

Paul Reminds Timothy of These Prophecies Three Times: 1 Timothy 1:18; 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6

*"Timothy: Remain faithful to fulfill your ministry by **not being unfaithful** to your calling, by **not being neglectful** of your gifting, and by **not being fearful** in fulfilling your ministry!"*

How Do We Accomplish the Gospel Task?

- Persevere in **REMEMBERING** your calling to fulfil your ministry.

Primary Calling of All to Salvation for Serving as Good Stewards of His Gifts. 1 Peter 4:10-11

Secondary Calling for Some to Be Faithful Stewards as Pastors and Missionaries.

- Persevere in **HOLDING** to sound doctrine and **KEEPING** a good conscience. 1 Timothy: 1:5, 18; 3:9

3. The Gospel Threat Is **DISCERNABLE**.

"which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme." (vv. 19b-20)

Why Does Paul Mention These False Teachers by Name?

- Because public sin is dealt with **PUBLICLY** in the church, especially if they are pastors in the church. 1 Timothy 1:19-20; 2 Timothy 1:15; 2:16-18; 4:10, 14-15
- Because church discipline means not **PARTAKING** of the Lord's Supper or fellowshiping together. 1 Corinthians 5:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15
- Because false teachers with considerable influence **SPREAD** their error like a virus.

What Is Paul Trying to Accomplish?

- **TEACHING** us to *learn to discern* the deadly dangers of false teachers.
- **WARNING** us what could happen to leaders and members who *fail to obey* Paul's warning. 2 Timothy 2:16-19
- **MODELING** for us how to deal with false teachers in the church. 1 Corinthians 5:5
- **REMINDING** us that the goal of church discipline is repentance and restoration.

A Sober Warning for Stewards and Members in God's Household:

REJECTING a good conscience has eternal consequences.

REFLECTING on the utter ruin of those who shipwreck their faith is a sobering exercise.

REMOVING false teachers through church discipline is necessary to cut out the cancer.

The Steward's Trust: *Passing the Gospel Baton to Others Is Critical to Fighting the Good Fight and Finishing Our Race!*

See Handouts for Sharing Your Own 3-Minute Testimony!