

## FAITH CHURCH INTERNSHIP INITIATIVES FOR DAVID DOUGLAS IN 2017

FROM my personal reflections upon 1 & 2 Timothy:

1. *Focus* - **Remember Jesus Christ.**

1 Timothy 2:8 *"Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel"*

In Paul's instruction to Timothy, he reminds the young pastor to remember Jesus Christ. The demands of ministry can easily become the focus of the work to the extent of forgetting the one I serve. My service is first to the Lord and secondly to His people.

**Action - Spend undistracted time with the Lord.** During these times, may I reflect on Jesus and His work in me as I work for him. I especially recognize this need now as I spend so much of my day studying the languages. It would be easy to give so much attention to Greek and Hebrew study that I view the study of his Word as just an academic project. May I remember Jesus Christ and love both him and his Word.

2. *Focus* - **Remember the grace given to me by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

1 Timothy 1:14 *"and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus"*

As I serve I need regular reminders of Jesus Christ and his grace given to me. He brought me to himself, and now I have the high calling to lead others to know him as well. As he reminds me of the state I was in before coming to Jesus, I will be more passionate in sharing the Gospel with others.

**Action - Regularly share my testimony with others.** I have been able to briefly share that with workers in the Community Center. I need to be even better equipped with a clear, concise Gospel presentation as I share my testimony. His grace is greater than all my sin, so may I be filled with joy as I regularly reflect and share his grace given to me.

3. *Focus* - **Sharpen and use my giftedness to serve and glorify God.**

2 Timothy 1:6 *"For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,"*

This word picture of "fan into flames" reminds me to use and sharpen the spiritual gifts God has given me. Oh, may the Lord help me to use them for His glory.

**Action – Identify and use them where I am right now,** and evaluate where I should use them in the future.

4. **Focus - Study the Scriptures with diligence and integrity and be prepared to teach.**

2 Timothy 2:15 *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."*

**Action - Develop deeper devotion and skill in textual study.**

May the Lord give me a hunger and joy in the study of his Word. May I make and spend time in prayer and study for each assigned teaching and preaching opportunity.

5. **Focus - Look to the Word of God for guidance for both my life and others.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work".*

**Action - I am reminded God is the very source behind the Scriptures.** I'm aware the Scriptures are profitable for teaching, reproof, for correcting and for training in righteousness. The very purpose behind the Word of God is so I will be brought into maturity and ready to do good works.

His Word is good for our growth, not just for the counselee but also for the counselor, teacher, and preacher. As I spend time in his Word, may the Spirit use his Word to grow me. May I be sensitive and allow it to teach, reprove, correct and train me.

FROM Brent's request:

6. **Focus - Assist the service pastor of the service I attend with auditorium and foyer greeting in order to know the souls.**

**Actions -**

- I intentionally come to the service I attend early (if possible depending upon your ministry responsibilities).
- I intentionally seek to get to meet/know/greet someone at my service so that I begin to recognize who is new and who is not.
- I intentionally do not seat myself until I have looked around and made sure as much I can that nobody is sitting alone. I will take responsibility to ensure those in my sphere of sight and influence are not alone.
- I intentionally seek to ask those I am getting to know if they have needs that I can pray for them about or connect them to resources of the church.
- If appropriate, on the spot pray with them about a need. ( I have done this often by simply asking, "can I pray with you about that concern right now?" Nobody has ever said no. And it is good for our congregation to see a pastor/pastoral intern bowing their head with another individual).