Sunday Morning in the Word



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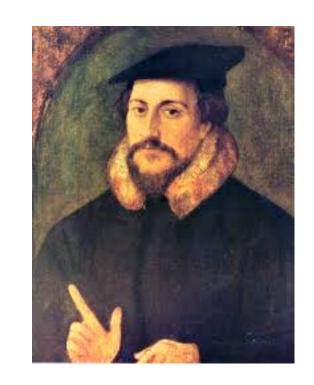
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Matthew 28:18–20

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close.

2 Timothy 4:6

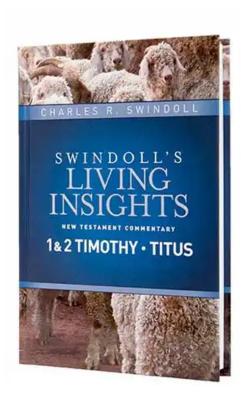
This letter was "written not merely in ink, but in Paul's life blood."



John Calvin

Overview of 2 Timothy

THEME	Guard the Gospel	Persevere in the Gospel	Proclaim the Gospel
Passage	Chapter 1	Chapters 2-3	Chapter 4



"In this letter to Timothy, the apostle used no less than thirty-three imperative verbs in twenty-seven commands. His time grew short, and he had a lot of urgent information to tell his friend."

(Chuck Swindoll)

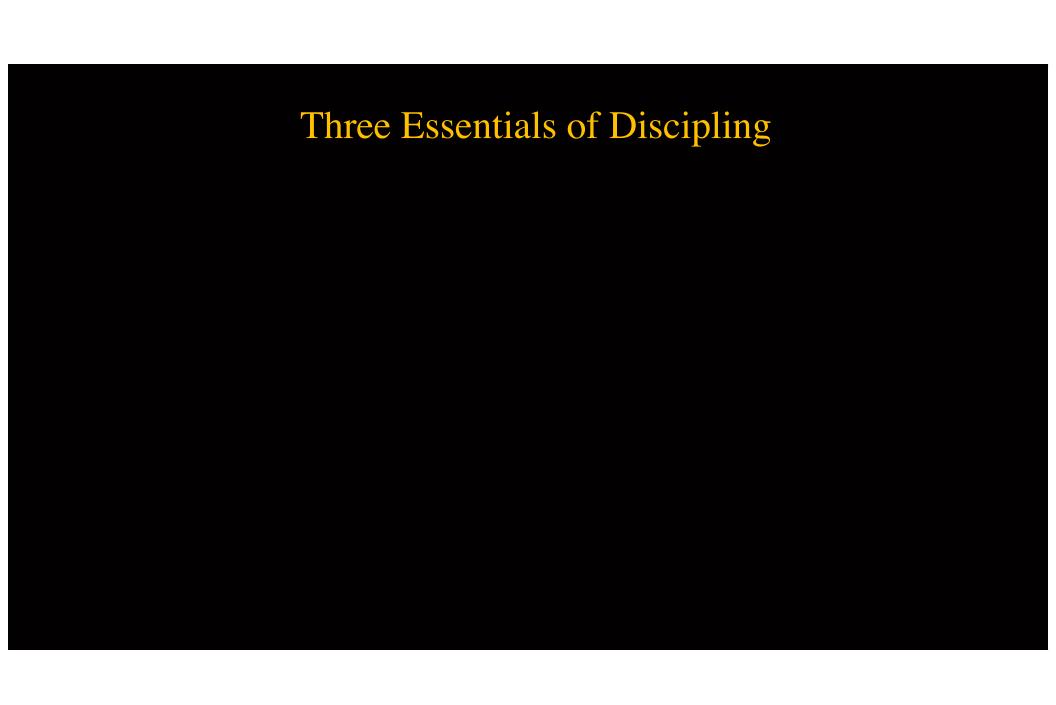


Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, for the sake of the promise of life in Christ Jesus:

To Timothy, my dearly loved son.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

•2 Timothy 1:1-2



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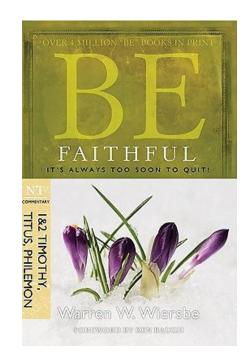
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2 Timothy 1:2a

To Timothy, my true son in the faith.

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"'Timothy, my dearly loved son'" is much stronger than 'Timothy, my true son in the faith.' It is not that Paul loved Timothy less when he wrote that first letter, but that Paul was now expressing it more. As Paul's life drew to a close, he realized in a deeper way how dear Timothy was to him."



Warren Wiersbe

I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, when I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day.

2 Timothy 1:3

Remembering your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

2 Timothy 1:4

Make every effort to come to me soon.

2 Timothy 4:9

Make every effort to come before winter.

2 Timothy 4:21

I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also.

2 Timothy 1:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14–15

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WISDOM

Studies in the Book of Proverbs

Sunday mornings at Grace July 15th – August 19th

Pleasant words are a honeycomb: sweet to the taste and health to the body.

Proverbs 16:24 CSB

The words of a person's mouth are deep waters, a flowing river, a fountain of wisdom.

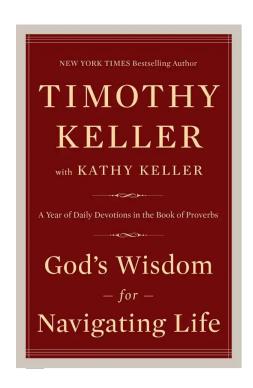
Proverbs 18:4 CSB

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21 CSB

Anxiety in a person's heart weighs it down, but a good word cheers it up.

Proverbs 12:25 CSB



"In this proverb we are told we should not try to deal with anxiety on our own. We need a kind word from others. We need people to <u>affirm</u> us, to relate their own experience, <u>to point us to God</u>, or even just to be there so we don't feel so alone."

Tim Keller

Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't continue drinking only water, but use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

1 Timothy 5:23

If Timothy comes, see that he has nothing to fear while with you, because he is doing the Lord's work, just as I am. So let no one look down on him. Send him on his way in peace so that he can come to me, because I am expecting him with the brothers.

1 Corinthians 16:10–11

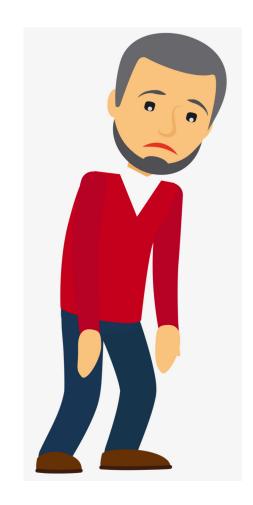
They have departed from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and are ruining the faith of some.

2 Timothy 2:18

I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, when I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. Remembering your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also.

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To counter this we need to do is to refresh one another by building one another up in Christ! The Apostle Paul understood this. So he not only let Timothy know he loved him, but that he also believed in him because he saw the gospel at work in him!

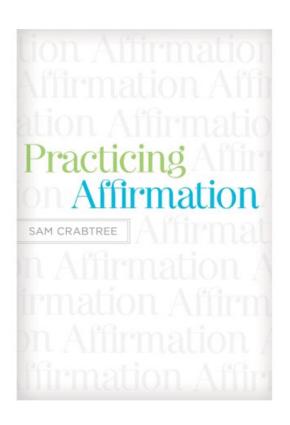


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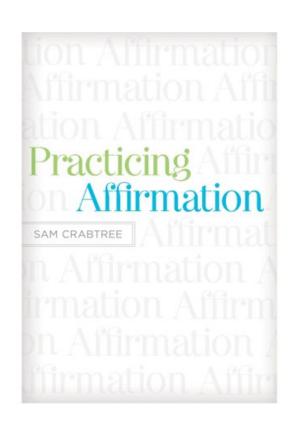
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"Affirmation is like an invigorating sudsy shower after a long day of manual labor. It's like a cool rain after a long, hot dry spell. It delivers a combination of relief, respite, hope, optimism, satisfaction, and energy. It's life-giving. It blesses. Blessing others is the very calling of the Christian: "Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing" (1 Pet. 3: 9).

(Sam Crabtree)

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- A Pointed Reminder

Therefore, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 1:6

Don't neglect the gift that is in you; it was given to you through prophecy, with the laying on of hands by the council of elders.

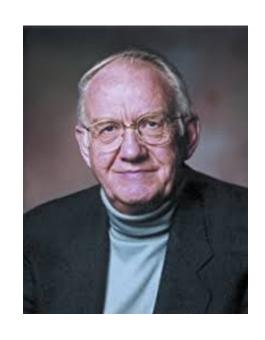
1 Timothy 4:14

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

2 Timothy 1:7

Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

2 Timothy 1:14



Gordon Fee

"For when God gave us his Spirit, it was not timidity that we received, but power, love, and self-discipline."

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What priority do you place on the cultivating of genuine relationships? Are you actually making time for quality "face time" with others so that you can help them to follow Jesus?

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How much of a conscious effort are you making to affirm God's working in your brothers and sisters in Christ here at Grace?

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A pointed reminder: The competence for effective discipling is the enablement of the Holy Spirit!

How much time do you spend in prayer, asking the Spirit of God to work in and through you to help you to disciple others?