

The Priority of Passing It On

(2 Timothy 2:1-2)



Introduction

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:1-2).

2 Timothy background:

Accept the baton:

1. The _____ to Pass It On (v. 1)

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

- "Apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5b).
- "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).
- "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might" (Ephesians 6:10).

Life *under* God --- Life *over* God --- Life *from* God --- Life *for* God --- Life *with* God

Os Guinness said, "First and foremost, we are called to someone, not to something, or to somewhere."

- "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (John 17:3).

2. The _____ to Pass It On (v. 2)

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

- a. The _____ to Pass On (v. 2a)
- "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses . . ." (2 Timothy 2:2a)
 - "Make every effort to come to me soon" (2 Timothy 4:9).
 - "Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:13).
- b. The _____ of Passing It On (v. 2b)
- "Entrust these . . ." (2 Timothy 2:2b)
- c. The _____ to Invest In (v. 2c)
- "Entrust these to faithful men . . ." (2 Timothy 2:2c)
- d. The _____ of the Truth (v. 2d)
- ". . . who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2d)

3. The _____ of Passing It On (vv. 3-7)

³Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. ⁵Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. ⁷Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything."

4. The _____ of Passing It On (v. 8ff)

"Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel."

Conclusion

1. Passing it on requires you know _____
2. Passing it on requires you have _____ apostolic truth yourself
3. Passing it on requires your individual and _____ commitment
4. Passing it on requires being _____-sensitive
5. Passing it on requires living _____ and obediently

Application

1. What does it mean to pass it on?
2. Why is passing it on so important to the church and to the individual believer?
3. What are the long-term blessings for passing on the truth of apostolic doctrine and authorial-intent teaching?
4. What fruit results from passing it on personally and for the church at large?
5. What is the process of passing on apostolic doctrine?
6. Do you live your life with Christ, or for Christ, or in some other manner?
7. What will it require to train up the next generation, from the current generation and from the next generation?
8. How will you be personally involved in passing it on this next year?

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