Most Needed

Tony Mauck · 2 Timothy 3:14–17

INTRODUCTION

- Timothy preach the message. Preach the word.
- I simply entitled the lesson tonight, Most Needed.
- In an audience like this, what do you need to hear from me? Timothy was told to preach the word.

1 The Weightier Matters of the Law

Matthew 23:23

- Is there such a thing as major issues, more important matters than others?
- It doesn't mean that the minor issues in comparison are not important and should therefore be ignored.
- In your focus on these details of tithing, you've missed the boat.
- You have neglected faithfulness, justice, and mercy.
- It is my goal when I preach the gospel to make sure that I am emphasizing the major issues. And not neglecting the minor ones.

2 The Doctrine of Jesus

2 Timothy 3:16

- The doctrine of Jesus is everything in the New Testament that pertains to Jesus.
- If mostly what we talk about is how other people are messing it up, according to us, is that really changing me?
- When I talk to you about prayer, I'm talking to you about a doctrinal issue. Because it is the teaching of Jesus.
- If we do not spend time in communion with God, the result will be spiritual death.

3 What Is Most Needed by Them

- Shouldn't I really focus on the people that I know who are sitting in this room? And what is most needed by them?
- I talked about in that lesson about how the gospel makes people uncomfortable. It threatens their comfort.
- Sometimes when we try to explain it to our friends, they feel threatened by it because they don't want to change.
- What is it about the gospel that threatens you? That challenges you to change. To further mold yourself into the image of Jesus.

4 The Real First Principles

1 Corinthians 15:3–4; 1 Corinthians 15:58

- I've been charged, and Timothy was charged with preaching the word.
- What is the foundation of Christianity? That Jesus died, he was buried, and he rose again the third day.
- Our belief in his resurrection and our resurrection is what fuels absolutely everything.
- Stand firm, let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord. Because you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- I did not shun to declare unto you anything that was profitable.

5 He Had Trusted in God

Matthew 15:13

- I was going to talk to you more this week about the fact that he had trusted in God.
- If you're going to be righteous and obedient, let me tell you where that begins. It begins with faithfulness. He trusted in God.
- Whatever the situation is that we confront, we persist in worship. We persist in the pursuit of his blessed will, and we let God handle the things which are beyond our control.
- You be careful in your approach to God's truth. It is the truth that sets free.
- Whatever it is, persist in worship. That's what we learned from Daniel. Persist in the pursuit of his blessed will.

THE CHALLENGE

Cling to God in absolute confidence and unwavering trust. That leads to complete obedience.

MY NOTES