Passing The Torch (1st Timothy 6:12)

Tony Mauck · 1 Timothy 1:18–19

INTRODUCTION

- Our mission extends to generations that may well follow.
- We do this not just for ourselves, but others.
- This isn't just about preachers. This isn't just about elders. It's about all of us. And the impact that we have in this great cause.

1 We Too Must Fight the Good Fight

1 Timothy 6:12; Hebrews 12:1–3

- We too must fight the good fight.
- Fight the good fight of faith and lay hold of eternal life.
- The fact that the word fight is mentioned suggests a struggle.
- It's a struggle against the onslaught of temptation. It is a struggle against the various trials that will be put within our path.
- Lay aside every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on the great and original torchbearer, Jesus Himself.
- How you can prepare yourself to be the Bible class teacher, the elder, the elder's wife, the deacon, the deacon's wife, just the servant in the local church that continues the wielding of the torch.

2 Keeping Faith: Nobody Can Do That for You

1 Timothy 6:19; Jude 1:20–21

- Nobody can do that for you. The elders can't do that for you. I can't do that for you.
- You have to keep faith for you.
- But Timothy has to make that his pursuit and that his choice.
- But you beloved, building yourselves up on the most holy faith. Praying in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

3 A Good Conscience

1 Timothy 1:5

- The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
- The possession of a good conscience comes from a conscience that is properly trained in the principles and teaching of the New Testament.
- Don't silence the conscience. When you know that your behavior does not conform with what is right, deal with it.

- Don’t sear your conscience. Paul talks about those who have seared their conscience with a hot iron.

4 Some Suffer Shipwreck in Regard to Their Faith

1 Timothy 1:19–20

- Keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.
- Hymeneus and Alexander, whom I have delivered over to Satan so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.
- Adding to the casualties in the second epistle is Demas, who forsook Paul having loved this present world.
- They give up the fight. Perhaps they start by thinking that the fight is too severe or the fight is not good, and then they stop keeping faith.

5 Be Undeterred as Disciples of Jesus

- But it’s about ultimately your responsibility to keep faith. And others will fall away. Don’t let that affect you.
- Some will suffer shipwreck in regard to the faith, but you can’t let that affect you because you are a disciple of Jesus.
- A disciple is one who disentangles from the world. A disciple is one who integrates among the Lord’s people.
- A disciple practices self-denial because that’s what Jesus practiced.
- And we are imitators of Jesus. His thinking, his choices, his behavior. And we pursue holiness. And we love as he loved.

THE CHALLENGE

Is there somebody in this audience who needs to get involved among God’s people, who needs to have your sins washed away in the blood of Christ?

MY NOTES