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3 **2 Timothy 3:10-11**

- *But you have faithfully followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,*
- *persecutions, and sufferings that happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, and in Lystra, what sort of persecutions I endured, and the Lord delivered me from all of them.*

4 **1. The Encouragement**5 **Paul blesses Timothy**

- *"But you, Timothy, have faithfully followed my teaching, way of life, purpose"*
- When you see godly character, praise it!
 - We are motivated by those who praise us, not by those who criticize us.
- When you don't see godly character, bless the person to have it!

6 **2. The Example**

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7 **The truth of the message**

- Paul spoke a true message
 - *But you have faithfully followed my teaching, way of life ...*
- Teaching (*Didaskalia*) -- doctrines, verbal lessons to remove the excuse of ignorance from others

8 **The character of the messenger**

- Way of Life (conduct)
 - The word ἀγωγή is a shortened form of the ending to "pedagogue."
 - It is teaching by example.
 - We often learn better by what is "caught" than by what is "taught."
- 1 Corinthians 4.16 -- *Therefore I exhort you, become imitators of me.*

9 **Character of the messenger (2)**

- Purpose – Before you begin a journey, you need a destination or goal.
 - What is your life's purpose?
 - Does your family know what your purpose is?
 - Do you have a family purpose statement?
 - What have you "resolved" to do?

10 **George Washington's eulogy**

- Congressman Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee said,
 - "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in humble and enduring scenes of private life.

11 **George Washington's eulogy (2)**

- Pious, just, humane, temperate, and sincere; uniform, dignified, and commanding; his example was as edifying to all around him as were the effects of that example lasting...
- Correct throughout, vice shuddered in his presence and virtue always felt his fostering hand.

12 **George Washington's eulogy (3)**

- The purity of his private character gave effulgence to his public virtues...
- Such was the man for whom our nation mourns."
- Recommended homeschool reading – George Washington's 110 rules of civility (which he derived from studying Seneca).

13 **Character of the messenger (3)**

- Faith
 - Faith flows from sound doctrine. But when Paul speaks of faith here, he is not talking about creedal faith, but a trust in a faithful God.
 - You first resolve to serve God. Then you must trust Him to enable you for that service.
 - Your faithfulness depends on your trust in God.

14 **Character of the messenger (4)**

- Endurance (μακροθυμία)
 - Especially needed in the Ephesian context
 - To be "long-tempered." A quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish; it is the opposite of anger, and is associated with mercy, and is that quality of self-restraint used of God, Ex. 34:6

15 **Character of the messenger (5)**

- Love (ἀγάπη) "love" (cf. 1 Tim 1:5), is:
 - A virtue necessary in Paul's life (2 Corinthians 6:6)
 - A virtue necessary in Timothy's life (2 Tim 2:22)
 - A virtue absent in the opponents' lives
 - They were perverting the Gospel for their own selfish advantage

16 **Character of the messenger (6)**

- Endurance (*hupomene*)
 - Word used of sterling coinage where metal has been purified by fire.
 - Love motivates us to patiently wait through trials to see good happen in the lives of others.
 - While we wait, we ourselves are being purified.
 - Endurance isn't resisting against the odds; it is progressing in spite of the difficulties.

17 **The significance of the order**

1. You resolve to live purposefully for Christ.
2. You trust God to provide what you need.
3. You patiently wait for God to:
 - change those to whom you minister
 - give you grace to endure opposition

18 **The significance of the order (2)**

4. You demonstrate Christ's love even when persecuted.
5. You maintain an "unswerving constancy" to endure, while allowing God to also perfect His work in you.

19 **I'd rather see a sermon**

*I'd rather see a sermon
than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me
than merely tell the way.*

20 **I'd rather see a sermon (2)**

*The eye's a better pupil
and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing,
but example's always clear;*

21 **I'd rather see a sermon (3)**

*And the best of all preachers
are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action
is what everybody needs.*

22 **I'd rather see a sermon (4)**

*I soon can learn to do it
if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action,
but your tongue too fast may run.*

23 **I'd rather see a sermon (5)**

*And the lecture you deliver
may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons
by observing what you do;*

24 **I'd rather see a sermon (6)**

*For I might misunderstand you
and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding
how you act and how you live.*

-- Edgar Guest

25 **The opportunity for ministry**

- Persecutions (harassment)
 - Matthew 5:10 -- *Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- Suffering
 - Paul points Timothy back to the “good old days” of his first missionary journey and the sufferings that needed love and endurance.

26 **The good old days (1)**

- 1st missionary journey – traveled to Asia Minor
- In Pisidian Antioch Paul was received well, but then the jealous Jews incited persecution, and Paul and Barnabas were expelled (Acts 13:14–52).

27 **The good old days (2)**

- In neighboring Iconium they spent considerable time, but Paul left when the Jews and Gentiles tried to stone them (Acts 14:1–5).
- Then in Lystra, Paul and Barnabas were initially welcomed as gods, but eventually Paul was stoned and dragged out of the city (Acts 14:6–20).

28 **The good old days (3)**

- Acts 16:1–3 relates that Timothy was from this region and had a good reputation in the church (Acts 16:1–3).
 - Timothy was raised in a believing household (2 Tim 1:5; 3:15). From this it can be assumed that Timothy knew of Paul's earlier treatment in these cities.

29 **What about you?**

- Have you determined what your purpose in life is? (See Revelation 4:10-11)
- Have you trusted Christ for salvation and to forgive you of your sins?
- Have you taken the next step to dedicate your life to Christ (Romans 12:1,2)
- Does your life have virtue?

30 **2 Timothy 3:12-13**

- *And indeed, all those who want to live in a godly manner in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*
- *But evil people and imposters will progress to the worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

31 **2 Timothy 3:14-15**

- *But you continue in the things which you have learned and are convinced of, because you know from whom you learned them,*
- *and that from childhood you have known the holy writings that are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

32 **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

- *All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness,*
- *in order that the person of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

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