

# What Are Your ESSENTIALS? A Coat and Books

*The physical and spiritual needs of ministry 2 Timothy 4:13* Chris Mueller 3-3-2019

Introduction:

Could they have been early Christian documents, perhaps collections of sayings of Jesus or early versions of Christian preaching or Old Testament exegesis? Could these have been the materials Luke and Mark used later to put together their Gospel accounts? We do not know, but it is not a completely implausible hypothesis...that they contained early Christian literature—either of Paul's own manuscripts or the sayings of Jesus or primitive accounts of the Lord's life prior to the four Gospel writers....Was Paul deliberately interested in a written record of Christ's life? Would not this be consistent with the central theme of the Pastorals—to guard the deposit of the gospel?

**13** *When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.*

## #1 \_\_\_\_\_ ESSENTIALS

**13a** *When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus*

[] **William Tyndale**

**1 Corinthians 9:14** *The Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.*

**1 Timothy 5:17** *The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.*

## #2 \_\_\_\_\_ ESSENTIALS

**13b** and the books, especially the parchments.

Daniel 9:2, Joshua 1:8, Josephus

**2 Peter 3:15b** just as also our beloved brother Paul ... **16** as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

[] Spurgeon

**2 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

### TAKE HOME:

**1<sup>st</sup>** Pursue \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ your life and ministry

**Acts 20:35b** the words of the Lord Jesus ... "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**1 John 2:15** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ what is most important

**Matthew 6:19** Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; **21** for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**2 Corinthians 9:6** Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**4<sup>th</sup>** Give \_\_\_\_\_ for what the Lord has provided for you

**Matthew 6:31** Do not worry then, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear for clothing?" **32** For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**5<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the greatest gift

### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What do non-Christians think about the NEEDS of Christian ministry?
2. How do untaught Christians view the physical and spiritual needs of ministry for full-time paid pastors and lay pastors?
3. What do God and His Word teach about the physical and spiritual needs of ministry, both full-time and lay ministry?
4. What are the normal spiritual essentials necessary for ministry to occur in a local church—even in your specific ministry?
5. Why do believers often have such a low view of the physical needs of ministry?
6. What kind of steps can a Christian take to simplify their life, be more thankful for what they have, and give more to Christ's work?
7. What steps do you need to take in order to become more like Christ in response to this single verse?

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