

Keep Fighting the Good Fight: The Right Path

1 Timothy 1:18-20 (Part 1)

¹⁸ This command I entrust to you, Timothy, *my child*, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹ keeping faith and a good conscience, which some, having rejected, suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. ²⁰ Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.

1. The Right Path: Faithfully Fighting the Good Fight

a. Assignment: Clear _____

¹⁸ This command I entrust to you, Timothy, *my child*,

1) **Commandment** [noun: *paraggelia*; verb: *paraggello*]

Acts 16:23-24 And when they had inflicted them with many wounds, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely, ²⁴ who, having received such a **command**, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

1 Tim 1:3 As I exhorted you when going to Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that **you may command** certain ones not to teach a different doctrine,

1 Tim 1:5 But the goal of our **command** is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and an unhyprocritical faith.

1 Tim 4:11 **Command** and teach these things.

1 Tim 5:7 And **command** these things as well, so that they may be above reproach. (cf. 1 Tim 6:13 “urge” and 6:17)

2) **Commitment** (to set before; middle: to deposit; to entrust)

Acts 20:28-32 ³² And now I **commend** you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who have been sanctified.

2 Tim 2:2 And 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.

1 Peter 4:19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God must **entrust** their souls to a faithful Creator in doing good.

b. Ability: Sufficient _____

in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you

1 Tim 4:14 Do not neglect the gift within you, which was given to you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the council of elders.

1 Cor 12:4-12 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ And there are varieties of workings, but the same God who works everything in everyone. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for what is profitable. ⁸ For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹ to someone else faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ and to another the workings of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to someone else *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the translation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. ¹² For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

Rom 12:4-8 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another, ⁶ but having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: whether prophecy, in agreement with the faith; ⁷ or service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with generosity; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

c. Activation: _____ Ability that by them

1 Peter 4:10-11 As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God—¹¹ whoever speaks, as one *speaking* the oracles of God; whoever serves, as one *serving* by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and might forever and ever. Amen.

d. Action: _____ Ability you may fight the good fight

1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.

e. Aim: Foundational _____

¹⁹ keeping faith and a good conscience

1 Tim 1:5 But the goal of our command is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and an unhyprocritical faith. (cf. 1 Tim 3:9)