

A Heart for God

Keeping Fresh in Ministry

Introduction

The Pastorals

Context: Desertion (1 Tim 1:6-7,19-20; 2 Tim 1:15; 4:10)

“But you”

- Godly (2 Tim 3:10)
- Gospel (2 Tim 3:14)
- Grit (2 Tim 4:5)

A. Gospel

“Wandered from the faith” (1 Tim 6:21; 1:19; Titus 3:9)

“Stress these things” (Titus 3:8; 2:15)

1. Always delight in grace (1 Tim 1:12-15)
2. “Do the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim 4:5)
3. Keep learning (1 Tim 4:16)
4. “Avoid foolish controversies” (Titus 3:9)
5. Teach the family first (1 Tim 3:4; Titus 1:6)

B. Godliness

“Set them an example” (Titus 1:7; 1 Tim 4:12)

“.....so that everyone may see your progress” (1 Tim 4:15-16)

1. Always delight in God’s grace (Titus 1:1; 2:11-14; 3:5-8)

2. Know your Achilles heel (1 Tim 3:1-8; Titus 1:5-7)

Money (1 Tim 3:3; 5:6-10)

Sex (1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:6)

Power (Titus 1:7)

3. Work on the positives too (Titus 1:8; 1 Tim 4:7-8)

4. Cultivate a right attitude to opponents (2 Tim 2:25-26; 4:14)

5. Keep accountable

C. Grit

1. Expect difficulties (2 Tim 1:11-12; 2:3; 3:12)

Remember the persecuted church (2 Tim 1:8)

2. Look after yourself (1 Tim 5:23)

Smell the roses!

3. Invest in friendships (2 Tim 2:2; 4:11-13)

Learn from good models (2 Tim 3:10-11; 4:7-8)

4. Love the local church (1 Tim 3:15; 5:1-2)

5. Take the long view (1 Tim 6:12-16; 2 Tim 4:6-8; Titus 2:13; 3:7)