

THE FAITHFUL LEADER

TIMOTHY - FAITHFUL TO THE LORD, PAUL & THE CHURCH

TIMOTHY HAD ISSUES YET HE WAS FAITHFUL

Timothy had health issues yet he was faithful.

- *"No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments." 1 Timothy 5:23*

Timothy was young for his role.

- Timothy's exact age isn't given, but we know that Paul had to encourage him not to allow others to look down upon him as he brought reform to the church in Ephesus. Paul writes, *"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity"* (1 Timothy 4:12).

Timothy hadn't figured it out.

- Timothy still needed instruction even well into his ministry. This point is evident in the mere fact that Paul had to send him the letter of 1st Timothy. *"I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth."* Timothy 3:14-15

TIMOTHY'S CHARACTERISTICS

Timothy was like minded and one of a kind

- *But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.* Philippians 2:19-24 (NKJV)

Timothy genuinely cared for people

- Sincerely Cares: "give one's thought to a matter, seek to promote one's interests."
- Timothy could be depended upon to have a real concern about the welfare of the Philippians.
- Pays a price: A person who cares for others may be unappreciated but they don't give up

Timothy did not seek his own way, but only the Kingdom

- Paul lamented that others seek their own instead the Kingdom
- Others deserted him on ministry assignments. *Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia.* 2 Timothy 4:10 (NLT)

Timothy was a man of proven character

- *Proof means: Has met the test and has been approved.*
- *Character development is not accidental, it is intentional*

Timothy was a faithful son

- *He was a son to Paul*
- *He served Paul*
- *A son of the house God has a sense of ownership and belonging*

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Timothy's Example

Likeminded/One of kind	<p>What do you understand by Paul’s statement. “...I have no one like-minded...”</p>
	<p>Can your Pastor say that you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of kind? Y / N • Faithful in your person walk with God? Y / N • Faithful in executing your duties in church? Y / N • Faithful in tithes, offering and other forms of giving? Y / N • Faithful in church attendance and participating in church events and activities? Y / N • Readily available when your help/services is needed? Y / N
	<p>If you did not answer yes to all of the above. In which areas must you improve and how are you going to do that?</p>
Genuinely cares for the people	<p>What are your next steps you are willing to take?</p>
	<p>As a Leader in what 3 ways can you sincerely care for the people?</p>

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Timothy's Example

Does not seek his own but the Kingdom	What are the things that you focus on that takes your attention from your relationship with God and your role in the church?
	What changes do you have to make?
Man of Proven character	Character development is not accidental, it is intentional. Do you have a plan to improve your character?
	Are you following the plan?
Faithful Son	A son of the house God has a sense of ownership and belonging. What do you think are 3 characteristics of a son of the house of God?