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- A. The Pursuit of Godliness (6:1-5)
  - 1. Acknowledge authority (6:1-2)
    - a. In testimony (v 1)
      - Colossians 3:22-23
    - b. In temperament (v 2)
  - 2. Avoid apostates (6:3-5)
    - a. Their actions (v 3)
    - b. Their attitude (v 4)
    - c. Their actuality (v 5)

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- **B.** The Provision of Godliness (6:6-10)
  - 1. Appreciate God's sufficiency (6:6)
    - a. The condition Philippians 4:11
    - b. The consequence
      - 2 Corinthians 9:8

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- B. The Provision of Godliness (6:6-10) continued
  - 2. Accept the temporary nature of earthly riches (6:7-8)
    - a. The facts (v 7)
      - **Job 1:21**
    - b. The findings (v 8)
      - 1). For this life
        - Philippians 4:19
      - 2). The findings (v 8)
        - a). For this life
          - Philippians 4:19
        - b). For the next

**Matthew 6:19-20** 

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- B. The Provision of Godliness (6:6-10) continued
  - 3. Avoid greed (6:9-10)
    - a. The wanting (v 9)
    - b. The warning (v 10)

Matthew 6:24

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- C. The Practice of Godliness (6:11-21)
  - 1. Follow Godly traits (6:11)
  - 2. Fight the good fight (6:12)
  - 3. Face up to Christ (6:13-16)
  - 4. Foster others (6:17-19)
    - a. To seek God (v 17)
    - b. To serve God (v 18)
    - c. To store up to God (v 19)
  - 5. Faithfulness to the end (6:20-21)

### Need Some Encouragement? 2 Timothy 1:1-18

Paul encourages Timothy to keep going

- A. The call of Paul (1:1)
- 2 Timothy 1:1
- Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
- 2 Corinthians 5:1-2
- 1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
- 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

- **B.** The consideration of Paul (1:2)
- 2 Timothy 1:2
- To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **1 Timothy 1:2**
- Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

- C. The continual prayers of Paul (1:3)
- 2 Timothy 1:3
- I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;
- D. The commitment of Paul (1:4)
- **2 Timothy 1:4**
- Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

- E. The commendation of Paul (1:5)
- 2 Timothy 1:5

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

- A. Stir up the gift of God (1:6)
- 2 Timothy 1:6
- Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
- 1 Corinthians 14:12
- Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

- **B.** Stay strong in the Spirit (1:7)
- **2 Timothy 1:7**
- For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
- 1 Corinthians 16:13
- Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

- C. Stay steadfast to your calling (1:8-14)
  - 1. In the power of God (v 8)
- **2 Timothy 1:8**

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

#### **Romans 5:5**

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

- C. Stay steadfast to your calling (1:8-14) continued
  - 2. In the person of Christ (vv 9-10)
- 2 Timothy 1:9-10
- 9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
- 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

- C. Stay steadfast to your calling (1:8-14) continued
  - 3. In the plan of God (vv 11-12)
- 2 Timothy 1:11-12
- 11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
- 12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

- C. Stay steadfast to your calling (1:8-14) continued
  - 4. In the performance of ministry (vv 13-14)
- 2 Timothy 1:13-14
- 13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

  14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21
- Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
- **Hebrews 10:23**
- Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

#### III. Reminding Timothy (1:15-18)

- A. Of the deserters (1:15)
- 2 Timothy 1:15

This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

#### III. Reminding Timothy (1:15-18)

- **B.** Of the diligent (1:16-18)
  - 1. In mercy (v 16)
- 2 Timothy 1:16

The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

#### III. Reminding Timothy (1:15-18)

- B. Of the diligent (1:16-18) continued
  - 2. In ministry (vv 17-18)
- 2 Timothy 1:17-18
- 17 But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.
- 18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

### Do We Need Encouragement?