

Family Discipleship | 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Authority and Identity (vv.1-2)

1. The Apostle Paul

- a. Called and commissioned by Christ;
- b. Empowered by the work of Christ;
- c. The church must establish whose authority she's under: Culture or Christ?

2. Saved by Jesus

- a. Grace: undeserving favor from God toward sinners;
- b. Mercy: helpless sinners delivered and pardoned from their sins;
- c. Peace: enemies of God reconciled to Him through Christ's work;

Family Discipleship (vv. 3-5)

1. The Importance of discipleship

- a. Making disciples
- b. Maturing disciples
- c. Multiplying disciples

- "...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2)

- And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

2. Family Discipleship serves two contexts

a. Family discipleship in the home;

i. Parents and the word;

ii. Parents and kids;

- "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I commanded you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your hours, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

(Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

iii. Parents empowering parents;

b. Family discipleship in the church;

i. Godly friendships;

ii. Life-on-life;

- "So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us." (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

iii. Focused on sound doctrine;

iv. Who are you discipling right now? Who is discipling you?

Empowered (vv. 6-7)

1. Fan the gift

a. Use your gift

i. Stewardship

ii. Passion

iii. Courage

- "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord." (Romans 12:11)

2. Empowered by the Holy Spirit

a. Power

b. Love

c. Self-Control

Main Idea: Saved by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, family discipleship is the primary responsibility of every Christian.

Benediction | Matthew 28:18-20

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