

LETTERS TO TIMOTHY PART 6
“LIVE FAITHFUL”
SCRIPTURE: 1 TIM; ACTS 20; EPH 4;
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INTRODUCTION

- Paul is wrapping up his 1st letter to Timothy and he is challenging him one more time to hold fast, live well, and stay true to the calling on his life.
- Acts 20:22-23, “And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem...”
- Acts 20:24, “But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.”

I. BECAUSE OF JESUS

- 1 Timothy 5:24-25 - No matter what, the truth will always come out.
- Paul tells Timothy in 1 Timothy 2:2, live quiet, peaceable lives.
- 1 Timothy 6:1-2a – Slaves honor your masters.
- Following Jesus requires a different way of living.
- Breaches cultural norms with one law - love your neighbor.
- Galatians 3:28-29, “There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus...”
- Paul is telling us that all people are made in the image of God and share equal value in His eyes.
- Following Jesus has and always will be a counter cultural way of living.
- Following the way of Jesus is disruptive to us and the world around us.

II. BE CONTENT

- 1 Timothy 6:6-10, “Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth...”
- Loving anything more than God and people is idolatry.
- The thing that will ruin your Jesus community is if the enemy is allowed to play on your *Disordered desires, that are then normalized by a sinful society* - JMC
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19, “Teach those who are rich...be rich in good works and generous to those in need...”
- John 4:13-14, Jesus replied, “...¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again...”

III. BEFORE I GO

- Paul’s final words...
- 1 Timothy 6:11-14, “But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life...”
- As Jesus followers we are called to live with character that resembles Jesus.
- Character that is driven by the single idea - that God so loves, so we must love!
- 1 Timothy 6:15-16, “For at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven...”

CLOSE

- 1 Timothy 6:20-21, “Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you...”
- Don’t forget that you are called, you are gifted, and you are placed there with a purpose for a purpose.
- Ephesians 4:21-24, “...²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life...²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy...”