

LETTERS TO TIMOTHY PART 10
“CLEAR HEAD, FULL HEART, POURED OUT”
SCRIPTURE: 2 TIMOTHY; 1 TIMOTHY; EPHESIANS
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INTRODUCTION

- You are called, you are gifted, and you are placed with a purpose for a purpose.
- Letter to a pastor; but really instructions on how to be a mature follower of Jesus in a world full of lies.

I. LOOKING BACK

- 2 Timothy 1:6-7, “...fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”
- We have a propensity to forget what He has already done, creating doubt and fear.
- Vs. 7 - It is impossible to live this life in a loving way without experiencing the presence of the Spirit.
- 1 Timothy 3:1-8 - Paul is identifying the traits that mark out mature followers of Jesus.
- The List – 15 Traits of Maturity
Above Reproach, Faithful to Wife, Self-Controlled, Live Wisely, Good Reputation, Hospitable, Teacher, Not Heavy Drinker, Not Violent, Gentle, Not an Arguer, Not Greedy, Manage Your Home, Not New, Have Integrity.

II. BE READY

- 2 Timothy 4:1-2, “I solemnly urge you...² Preach the word of God. Be prepared...Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.”

- Don’t become complacent in this journey. Your purpose here never takes a break!
- Taking a break, or not being prepared for the purpose He has for us will always compromise our ability to be all Jesus has for us.
- Matthew 28:18-20, Then Jesus...said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

III. CLEAR HEAD, FULL HEART

- 2 Timothy 4:3-5, “For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires...⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths. ⁵ But you should keep a clear mind in every situation.”
- We have to submit to the process, long before we will ever see the destination.
- Vs. 5 - Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News.

CLOSE

- 2 Timothy 4:6-8, “...my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. ⁸ And now the prize awaits me...And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.”
- Vs. 8 - The King is coming back, stay ready!
- Being prepared has and always will require us to live in step with the Spirit.
- 2 Timothy 4:22, “May the Lord be with your spirit. And may His grace be with all of you.”