



ROUTE 66 - Pastor Tim Chambers

Key Idea: *The Books of 1 & 2 Timothy...Where we will learn How to conduct ourselves as a child of God in the House of God...*

Scriptures Used: 1 Timothy 2:4-6, 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Jeremiah 1:4; 1 Corinthians 11:1

Share: The book of 1 Timothy details the apostle Paul's advice and instructions to the young pastor Timothy, who was facing a heavy burden of responsibility in the church at Ephesus. Timothy needed to be on guard so that his youthfulness didn't become a liability rather than an asset to the gospel. Paul instructed Timothy to carefully avoid false teachers and greedy motives and instead pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness as befitting a man of God.

Discuss:

- 1) *What are some benefits of having a mentor, such as we see in the relationship between Paul and Timothy?*
- 2) *Have you had a mentor in your life or have you mentored someone; If so, what was the biggest take away from your experience?*

Read: *1 Timothy 2:4-6 "[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all".*

Discuss:

- 1) *These verses capture God's heart, plan and provision for us all. How could we communicate the gospel message with others using these verses as our guide?*

Share: Studying and applying the truths of the Bible doesn't save you, but it is essential to Christian living. That's why throughout 1 and 2 Timothy, Paul encouraged Timothy to hold fast to the Scriptures.

Read: *2 Timothy 3:14-17 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in*

righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Discuss:

- 1) Why is it important for us to believe the Bible is God-breathed and how has that right perspective of the Bible help your faith grow?
- 2) Share an example of when the Holy Scriptures has either taught, rebuked, corrected or trained you in righteousness and how has that experience equipped you for good work.

Read: 1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

Discuss:

- 1) What are some Bible truths we can share with someone who is feeling "less than" because of what other's think of them?
- 2) Being an example to all believers is a great way to silence our doubters. Which of the following do you think is most difficult for us to be an example: our words, our lifestyle, our love, our faith or our purity?

Read: Jeremiah 1:4 The Lord gave me this message: 5 "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." 6 "O Sovereign Lord," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!" 7 The Lord replied, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. 8 And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

Discuss:

- 1) How does knowing that God knows us even before we were formed in our mother's womb impact how you feel about yourself, live your daily life and see your future?
- 2) In these verses we see God encourage in 3 areas: the mind, the soul and the body. Do you believe there is a connection between our thoughts, our words and our emotions? Explain.

Share: You can't change your age or time in your faith, but you can change your example. An EXAMPLE is someone who is worth imitating... If others model what you

do, who will they become? You want your friends to model something that you do that will make them a better person and bring them closer to Jesus.

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:1 *And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.*

Discuss:

- 1) *How do you challenge yourself to be a better Godly example?*
- 2) *How can we challenge each other to be more like Jesus?*

Share and discuss how we can live a life with these 3 important questions in mind:

1. What are you building your life on?
2. Who are you building your life with?
3. When are you building your life for?

Closing remarks: When you understand grace the way the Bible teaches it, it frees you from man-made rules and regulations, as well as self-righteous protocols that often keep you from living out your salvation with any spiritual power and practical joy. You can never earn your salvation, but you also can't understand salvation—or God's grace—without hearing or reading God's Word. Studying and applying the truths of the Bible doesn't save you, but it is essential to Christian living.

Upcoming Events:

Blessing Bag Event - Friday, November 8th

- Visit FreshStart.Church to learn more and to register.
- This is a great event for the whole family to enjoy! Bring the kids and show them the value of serving others! We'll be packing Blessing Bags that will be used to help those in need this holiday season.

One Day to Feed the World Offering - Sunday, November 10th

- Visit FreshStart.Church to learn more and even give to the offering.
- The idea is to give one day's wages that will be given to Convoy of Hope to help feed those that are hungry.
- *Talk about this with your LOOP and use it as a way to teach them that offerings like this are above and beyond your tithe. They are opportunities to be generous and give more than the tithe.*

Oh What a Night - Women's Holiday Event - Friday, November 22nd

- 6:30 - 9:30 pm, \$35 per person.
- Register on the Church Center App.

Feast of Hope - Wednesday, November 27th

- Visit FreshStart.Church to learn more and to sign up.
- This is an outreach event to serve a Thanksgiving meal and the Hope found in Jesus to the Homeless at the City Lights Outreach located at Crossroads Church in Pleasantville, NJ.