

Finding Purpose

1 Timothy 1:1-3



I. Their Discipleship Relationship was Like a Father-Son Relationship vv. 1-3.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, ²To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine,

- Discipleship involves both learning by hearing and observing.

II. Their Discipleship Relationship

Produced a Trusted Leader vv. 18-20.

¹⁸ This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹ holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, ²⁰ among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

III. Their Discipleship Relationship Involved Setting an Example of Sacrificial Service to God 2 Tim. 4:6-7

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

- When we invest in others by disciplining them, we leave a legacy of faith.

IV. What is Discipleship and How is it Done?

- A. Discipleship is when one or more Christian teaches another Christian how to live the Christian life.
- B. Jesus disciplined in large groups (Matt. 5:1-2), smaller groups of 12 (Matt. 3:13), and He even invest extra time into discipling three people (Matt. 17:1; 26:37; Luke 8:51).
- C. Discipleship is the pathway to learning and doing God's purpose for your life.