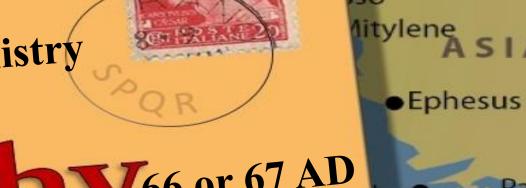


Passing the Baton of a Faithful Ministry



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Sermon: Building up a Fellow Believer's Faith II Timothy 1:1-5

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EXPERIENCING God's Grace v1

Galatians 1:15 – But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by His grace.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, thought it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. I Corinthians 15:10

II. Paul's *Expression* of God's Best for Timothy - v2

I Timothy 1:2 — II Timothy 1:2

THE SAME:

1. Blessing

A. Grace

B. Mercy

C. Peace

III. Paul's *Encouragement* to Timothy - v3

"Praying Paul"

2 Timothy 1:3

"I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my pravers."

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing (I Thess. 5:11).

IV. Paul's *Endearment* for Timothy - v4

longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. — 2 Timothy 1:4 (NASB®)

• And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship (Acts 20:36-38).

V. Paul's *Endorsement* of Timothy – v5

I Am Mindful Of Your Sincere Faith



The Takeaway: A faithful ministry is never a sacrifice.

• David Livingstone, a pioneer missionary to Africa wrote: *People* talk of sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Away with the word in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger, now and then, with foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver, and the soul to sink; but let this only be for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall be revealed in and of us (Romans 8:18). I never made a sacrifice.

