Preaching and Practicing the Truth

- An essential Christian doctrine
  - Titus 2:11-14 – zealous for good deeds
  - Titus 2:15 – speak, exhort, reprove
  - John 17:17 – sanctify in the truth – Your Word is Truth

- A duty for all believers
  - Mark 16:15 – Go into all the world and preach the Gospel
  - 1 Peter 1:15-16 – Be holy in all your behavior
Do not be Ashamed

- The will of God and the promise of life in Christ Jesus
- Paul assured of Timothy’s faith (1:1-7)
  - Wrote to exhort (1:6) and encourage (1:6) Timothy
- Paul’s example – contemptible in the eyes of the world
  - A criminal (2:9) – a prisoner of Christ Jesus (1:8)
  - Not ashamed (2:12)
- The nature of the ministry – the offense of the cross
  - Do not be ashamed
  - Retain – manifest the life – truth and love in Christ Jesus
  - Guard the treasure entrusted to you
  - Example of Onesiphorus – ministered and not ashamed.
Approved of God

- The call to the ministry (2:1-2)
- The character of the minister (2:3-13)
- The work of the ministry (2:14-26)
The Call to the Ministry (2:1-2)

- Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus
- Entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also
The Character of the Minister (2:3-7)

- Devoted to the Gospel
- A soldier (2:3-4)
- An athlete (2:5)
- A farmer (2:6)
- Consider (2:7)
Remember Jesus Christ (2:8-10)

› Jesus Christ according to “my” Gospel
  • Risen from the dead
  • Descendant of David

› Paul’s Anchor
  • Suffering hardship as a criminal – no hindrance to the Gospel
  • Enduring for the sake of Christ’s elect
A Trustworthy Statement (2:11-13)

- A statement of spiritual truth
  - If we died with Him, we will also live with Him

- Two statements of personal responsibility
  - If we endure, we will also reign with Him
  - If we deny Him, He also will deny us

- A statement of hope
  - If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for he cannot deny Himself

- Remember Jesus Christ
The Work of the Ministry (2:14-19)

- Remind them of these things
  - Do not wrangle about words
  - Debating is useless and leads to ruin of hearers
  - Proclamation/preaching saves!

- Be diligent to be approved of God
  - Unashamed – of the message or the life of Christ
  - The means: rightly dividing the Word of Truth
The Work of the Ministry (2:14-19)

- Avoid worldly and empty chatter
  - Spreads like gangrene – leads to ruin (2:14)
  - Examples: Hymenaeus and Philetus
  - Denied resurrection
  - They upset the faith of some

- The firm foundation
  - The Lord knows those who are His
  - Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness
A Large House (2:20-26)

- The community of believers (2:20)
- Vessels of honor (2:21-23)
- Vessels of dishonor (2:24-26)
“My little children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you.” (Gal 4:19)

“The Lord knows those who are His.” (2:19)

“The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.” (4:22)