

Session



Personal Study Guide

Stewardship of Relationships

October 18, 2020

Introduction

? Have you ever tried to fix a leaky sink or some other household item that was malfunctioning?

? What happened? Were you able to fix it? If you were able to fix it, how did you know what to do?

1. Appropriate Instruction (1 Tim. 1:18a)

? What does the fact that Paul called Timothy his “son” tell us about how Paul felt about Timothy?


? How was Paul’s love for Timothy related to His encouragement of Timothy in this Letter? How are we called to steward our relationships with one another similarly?

? Application: Who do you need to engage in your own life by giving them appropriate instruction to help equip them to be used by God? How will you act?


2. Fight the Good Fight (1 Tim. 1:18b)


? What was the “good fight” Paul referred to? Though not all Christians are pastors, what is the good fight all Christians are called to engage in?


? How do Christians know what they are supposed to be doing? How are we to encourage one another in these things?

 Application: Are you fighting the good fight that the Lord has set out for you, or are you living to accomplish and gain those things that you desire? How have you received godly encouragement from others in this regard? What responsibility do you have to encourage others?


3. State of Being in the Battle (1 Tim. 1:19)


 Why did Paul want Timothy to have faith and a good conscience?


 How ought Christians be engaged in the battle? Why is it important to do this together?

 Application: How are faith and good conscious spurred on through the community of the church?

Conclusion

 Who do you need to engage in your circle of influence to help them walk in obedience to the Lord's Word and calling? What do they need to hear?

 Are you clear about the work that you should be doing for the Lord? Does God's Word or your own desire have more influence in your decision-making? How might you ask others to help support you as you seek God's will above your own?

 How does stewarding relationship well within the church tell the outside world the truth about God?

Daily Readings

- Monday - 1 Timothy 1:18-19
- Tuesday - 1 Timothy 6:12-16
- Wednesday - 2 Timothy 1:6-7

- Thursday - 2 Timothy 2:1-2
- Friday - Mathew 4:18-22
- Saturday - Colossians 4:17