

SERMON NOTES SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2009

Letters that Live

“Timothy & the Ephesian Church”

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Introduction – For whom are you caring?

Text – 1 Timothy 1

Main Idea – This chapter introduces us to Paul & Timothy’s relationship. It also addresses the general nature of Timothy’s “pastoral work”.

Logic & overview – climbing a rock to get a view

I. The Content of pastoral work – v. 3-11

A. Correcting what is false

1. false teaching/doctrines – the battle of ideas
2. fractious controversies – myths and endless genealogies
3. failed lifestyles – a “vice list”

B. Commending what prompts a sincere faith

- having the right goal
- understanding what is good
- preaching a glorious gospel

II. The Call to pastoral work – v. 12-17

A. The Call that motivates – remembering what we were

- our rebellion – blasphemer, persecutor, violent man – ignorant, unbeliever
- our receipt – mercy, grace, faith and love
- our reflection – Jesus’ unlimited patience

B. The Call that mandates –

- given me strength
- considering me faithful
- appointing me to his service

III. The Consequences of pastoral work – v. 18-20

A. Positive Consequences of faithful living

B. Negative Consequences of futile living

Conclusion – What is your calling? Who is your “team”?