

Paul's Charge to Timothy

- *As I urged you when I went into Macedonia — remain in Ephesus that you may **charge some that they teach no other doctrine**, 1Tim. 1:3-4*
- ***This charge I commit to you**, son Timothy, 1Tim. 1:18*
- *These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; 15 but if I am delayed, **I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God**, which is **the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth**. 1Tim. 3:14*
- We must keep this charge or the church is no longer the pillar and ground of the truth

The Charge to Timothy

- For some this charge **is** the end.
- Entire life spent learning / defending the truth.
- Although commendable, it is not enough!
- There is a **purpose** and **reason** to defend truth:
- *But the **end of the charge** is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned: 6 from which things some having swerved have turned aside unto vain talking; 1Tim. 1:5-6*
- There is **a higher end, purpose and goal.**
- If we know and can preach the truth, but never learn to live and apply it ... what does it profit?

The END of the Charge

- The aim, goal and purpose:
- Love
- A Pure Heart
- A Good Conscience
- A Sincere Faith
- Two Goals
- 1. Give diligence to present approved to God handling right the word of truth.
- 2. cultivate the end and purpose.

Sincere / Unhypocritical Faith

- “*an – hupokritos*” literally *un-hypocritical* – *Not acting, pretending, not a hypocrite, not just to be seen of men, unfeigned, undisguised.*
- Although genuine is a synonym, it is not the word the Holy Spirit chose. He wanted us to work to be certain our faith is unhypocritical...
- This puts us to the test:
- Am I faking, wavering, pretending, acting, going through the motions?

Without Faith... so Much at Stake

- ... it is impossible to please to God Heb 11:6
- Unless you believe ...will die in sins. Jn 8:24
- Gospel -power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. Rom 1:16
- Preach gospel he who believes & is baptized will be saved, he who does not believe will be condemned. Mk 16:15-16
- Those who believe given right to become children of God. Jn 1:12-13
- Saved by grace through faith. Eph 2:8-9
- My righteous one will live by faith Heb 10:38

The Contrast – Shrinking Back

- *But my righteous one shall live by faith: And if he shrink back, my soul hath no pleasure in him. 39*
But we are not of them that shrink back unto perdition; but of them that have faith unto the saving of the soul. Heb 10:38-39
- *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. Prov 3:5-7*
- The pressure to compromise and shrink back when confronted with the pressure / persecution must be resisted or we truly to be come hypocrites.

Unfeigned Faith & Glory to God

- *And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. Rom 4:19-25*

Hypocrites Unmasked

- *For there must be also factions among you, that they that are approved may be made manifest among you. 1Cor 11:19*
- *for they loved the glory (that is) of men more than the glory (that is) of God. John 12:43*
- *And he said unto them, Full well do ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your tradition. Mark 7:9*

Do we truly Believe and Give God Glory

- Noah & the flood. Lk 17:26-27
- Sodom and Gomorrah. Lk 17:28-29
- Lot's Wife. Lk 17:32
- Jonah and the fish Mt 12:39-41
- Naaman's cleansing. Lk 4:27
- Moses at the burning bush. Lk 20:37-38
- Jesus Did!

Writings of the Apostles:

- give no thought to what you will speak; Mt 10:19-20;
- Guided into all truth. Jn 16:13
- It is not you who speak but the Holy Spirit. Mk 13:11
- Teach you all things. Jn 14:26
- Teach them to observe all that I commanded. Mt 28:18
- Receives/Rejects you/me. Mt 10:40; Lk 10:16
- Words I write are commandments of the Lord 1Cor 14:37
- Jesus affirmed these things. Do we believe Him?

Peter Validates Everything

- *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there was borne such a voice to him by the Majestic Glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: 18 and this voice we (ourselves) heard borne out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount. 2 Pet 1:16-18*
- Do we truly believe this without any wavering or pretending?

A Sound Faith

1. Let God be true ... Rom 3:3-4
2. Without faith it is impossible... Heb 11:6
3. Unless you believe I am ... Jn 4:24
4. The witness of God is greater 1Jn 5:9-12
5. All Scripture given by inspiration... 2Tim 3:16-17
6. Great cloud of witnesses...By faith they...
Heb 11:1-12:4; Jas 2:14-26;

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