What Timothy Knew About Paul

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Text: II Timothy 3:10-11

### Intro

1. What do others know about you?
   1. If asked, will others spout off knowledge of your favorite color, food, sports team, hobby, movie or book?
2. II Timothy 3:10-11: In one verse (3:10) Paul reminds Timothy of seven things he knew about the Apostle Paul, and two more in verse 11.
   1. The Greek word for “follow” (NASB) is translated as “fully known” in KJV.
   2. It means to “conform to, attain, follow, fully known, have understanding” *(Strong’s G3877).*
   3. The things Timothy knew of Paul was passed down to faithful men who would teach others (II Tim. 2:2).
   4. The things Timothy knew of Paul was of eternal importance (Not recorded if he knew Paul’s favorite color, food, or what Gladiator he rooted for!)
3. If all men knew these things of each Christian, the church would prosper greatly!
4. What did Timothy know and follow about Paul?

#### Timothy Knew Paul’s *Teaching*

* 1. II Timothy 3:10: Doctrine (NKJV) is teaching.
  2. This was the teaching (doctrine):
     1. That was given to Paul by the Lord (Galatians 1:11-12)
     2. That is inspired by God and equips saints for every good work (II Timothy 3:16-17)
     3. That is to be taught to others (II Timothy 2:2, 24-26)
     4. That brings about salvation (I Timothy 4:16)
     5. That by obeying it one can be freed of their sins (Romans 6:17-18)
  3. Do others hear from you the teaching that can save their souls?

#### Timothy Knew Paul’s *Conduct*

* 1. II Timothy 3:10: Manner of life (NKJV)
  2. Paul’s conduct (manner of life) was known by:
     + 1. The Jews, before Paul’s conversion (Acts 26:4-5)
       2. King Agrippa, after Paul’s conversion (Acts 26:19-27: “Not done in a corner”)
       3. The Thessalonian saints after his conversion (I Thessalonians 1:5-7; II Thessalonians 2:14-15)
  3. Paul’s conduct was to be taught and imitated:
     + 1. By other Christians (I Thessalonians 1:6).
       2. The Philippians, and thus saints today, are admonished to: “conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27)
  4. What do others know of you by your conduct?

#### Timothy Knew Paul’s *Purpose*

* 1. Paul clearly let others know what his purpose was!

1. To preach the gospel, of which he was not ashamed (Romans 1:15-17)
2. To preach of Jesus crucified (I Corinthians 2:2)
3. To preach was all that he could do! (I Corinthians 9:16: “For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel”)
4. To forget the past and press on to the prize in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14)
   1. So many people live their lives with other things as their purpose.
      1. Jesus said man’s purpose was to “AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH’ (Mark 12:30)
   2. Do others know your purpose and if so, do they see you living it?

#### Timothy Knew Paul’s *Faith*

* 1. Faith can be seen in how we face the storms of life and our attitude towards life & death.
  2. Paul’s faith was seen by:
     1. The churches in Judea who had not met him yet after his conversion but they kept hearing, “He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy” (Galatians 1:22-24)
     2. His desire to be pleasing to God, whether in this life or the one to come, and the encouragement he gave saying, “for we walk by faith, not by sight” (II Corinthians 5:6-10)
     3. In the face of his impending execution he was able to comfort Timothy by saying, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith” (II Timothy 4:6-8)
  3. Do others have to be told you’re a Christian or do they see it by your faith?

#### Timothy Knew Paul’s *Patience*

* 1. II Timothy 3:10: Longsuffering (NKJV)
  2. Paul had much to say of patience and spoke of the rewards for enduring:
     1. He spoke of the glory to come can’t even be compared, that God works all things for good to the one who loves God, and then says nothing in this life can remove us from the love of Christ! (Romans 8:18, 28, 35-39)
     2. Patience is a “Fruit of the Spirit” against which there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23)
     3. Part of walking “in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called” is to show patience (Ephesians 4:1-3)
     4. Saints are to “put on” a heart of patience along with other attributes of Jesus (Colossians 3:12-14)
  3. Would others describe you as a patient or longsuffering person?

#### Timothy Knew Paul’s *Love*

* 1. Paul preached out of love and concern for others’ souls!
     1. His heart’s desire (love) was for Israel to be saved! (Romans 9:1-3; 10:1)
     2. He repeatedly let the Corinthian saints know that he loved them (I Corinthians 16:24; II Corinthians 12:15)
     3. It is by the Apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians, and thus saints today, that the inspired message on love in I Corinthians 13 (Oft called the “Chapter of Love”) was given!
  2. It is our love for one another that the world is to know that we belong to Jesus (John 13:34-35)
  3. Do others see your love and concern for your brethren and people in the world?

#### Timothy Knew Paul’s *Perseverance*

* 1. II Timothy 3:10: Endurance (NET)
  2. Paul had to have endurance to go through the suffering and persecutions that he went through!
     1. Paul said part of being justified in faith is to “exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope (Romans 5:1-5)
     2. Paul told the Corinthians the key to his being a servant of God was his endurance (II Corinthians 6:4)
  3. Endurance is needed to weather the storms of life and overcome the trials set before us!
     1. Hebrews 10:36: “For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.”
     2. Hebrews 10:39: “But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.”
     3. James said to rejoice in trials because “the testing of your faith produces endurance” and the who overcomes the trials “will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him” (James 1:2-4, 12) – *Sounds like Paul’s advice in Romans 5:1-5!*
  4. Do others see in you a faith not shaken, a faith that perseveres under trial?

#### Timothy Knew Paul’s *Persecutions & Sufferings*

* 1. II Timothy 3:11: Persecutions & Afflictions (NKJV)
  2. Paul knew what it meant to suffer and said, “all who desire to live godly will be persecuted” (II Timothy 3:12)
     1. Jesus foretold to Ananias that Paul would suffer, saying, “I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake” (Acts 9:15-16)
     2. Paul said the greatness of the power of God can be seen in how he suffered, “we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed (II Corinthians 4:7-11)
     3. He behaved as a servant of God and exhibited patience & kindness (II Corinthians 6:6) even in the midst of persecution and sufferings, “but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger…” (II Corinthians 6:1-10)
     4. Paul listed just a few of the things that he suffered at the hands of the Jews, his own countrymen, and of the Romans in II Corinthians 11 (He was hunted and hounded by the Jews throughout the book of Acts)
     5. Not only did Paul suffer and warn that godly saints will suffer, but he called on Timothy to join him in suffering! “Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God” (II Timothy 1:8-12)
     6. *Doesn’t that sound like a great Recruitment Poster?*
  3. The Hebrews writer (possibly Paul) told his audience that he knew they were suffering in 10:32-39 but said, “Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward” (Hebrews 10:35)
     1. The reality of persecutions & sufferings is why saints need a strong faith and endurance!
  4. When others see you in the midst of trials, what do they know of your faith and endurance?

## Conclusion

1. What do others know about you?
   1. If asked, will others spout off knowledge of your favorite color, food, sports team, hobby, movie or book?
2. Or, do others know about you what Timothy knew about the Apostle Paul?
   1. Your *Teaching*
   2. Your *Conduct*
   3. Your *Purpose*
   4. Your *Faith*
   5. Your *Patience*
   6. Your *Love*
   7. Your *Perseverance*
   8. Your *Persecutions & Sufferings*
3. In being a faithful servant of God, there is great reward! (Even when suffering is a part of it!)
   1. Revelation 22:12: At the close of John’s vision, Jesus said, “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.”
4. Whether you care if others see in you what Timothy saw in Paul or not, Jesus sees and knows and says He will reward according to what you have done! *(Revelation 22:12)*
5. Do other people see in you what Timothy knew about Paul?
6. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent of your sins and be baptized!
7. If a Christian in error, Repent and be the example you need to be!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!