

LIVING AND PASSING OUR FAITH

2 Timothy 3:1-17
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INTRO:

1. Vintage faith
2. Value of faith

A. LIVING LIFE DANGEROUSLY

1. Living the "**ME**" life
 - 1.1. Lovers of **themselves** (v. 2)
 - 1.2. Lovers of **money** (v. 2)
 - 1.3. Lovers of **pleasures** (v. 4)
 - 1.4. Lovers of **counterfeit** faith (v. 5)
2. Living the "**UN**" life
 - 2.1. **Ungrateful** (v. 2)
 - 2.2. **Unloving** (v. 3)
 - 2.3. **Unforgiving** (v. 3)
 - 2.4. **Ungodly** (v. 3)

B. LIVING LIFE DECISIVELY

1. Following the **way** (2 Timothy 3:10; Acts 9:1-2)
2. Following the **teachings** (2 Timothy 3:10, 15-17; Acts 11:26)
3. Following **behind** (Mark 1:17-18)
 - 3.1. **Christ** (2 Timothy 3:12, 15)
 - 3.2. **Example** (2 Timothy 3:10-11)

CONCLUSION

Table Talk

Thirteen books of the New Testament are letters attributed to the apostle Paul. We might imagine Paul sitting at his desk alone as he writes these thoughtful letters. Instead, Paul's letters and his ministry were collaborative efforts. When possible, Paul brought others along to live and work with him. Some of these ministry partners were involved in physically writing several of Paul's letters. Four other books—1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon—were written to men that Paul had disciplined. These men, in turn, disciplined others. It's a pattern established by Jesus, employed by Paul, and passed on to believers today.

1. Have you ever received a hand-me-down item that you particularly liked?

2. What is a favorite memory you have of someone who guided your early faith journey?

3. Read Acts 16:1–3; 2 Timothy 1:5–6.

*Who are the crucial people who deposited faith in you like Timothy's mother and grandmother did for him?

*If the history of your discipleship was summarized in few verses, what might we read?

4. Read 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2.

*Do you have any "beloved" children in the faith like Timothy?

*What stops us from making disciples with whom we share such a strong familial bond?

5. Read 2 Timothy 3:10–17.

* In 2 Timothy 3:10, pay specific attention to the fruit developed in Paul's life that follow the word "my." In verse 11 Paul brings Timothy's attention to his "persecution and suffering." Why do you think he shared these two things together?