

Practical Counsels of the NT Letters

Introduction

The N.T. letters, particularly from Paul, start addressing problems and doctrinal issues.

- Galatians 5:13 – 6:10
- Ephesians 4:17 – 6:20
- Philippians 2:1-16, 4:4-13
- Colossians 3:1 – 4:6
- IThessalonians 5:8 – 22
- IIThessalonians 3:6-15
- **ITimothy**
 - Borrowing from the ideals of elders and deacons, **3:1-13**
 - Borrowing from the advice given to Timothy, the young evangelist, **4:12 – 5:3,8,**
 - **6:1-11**

However, the later part of each letter is typically devoted to practical exhortations, from which Christians can draw principles and application.

- **II Timothy 2:4, 14-16, 22-26, 3:1-4, 10**
- Titus 2:1–13, 3:1-3, 8-11
- James
- IPeter 2:11 3:17, 4:1-11, 5:5-7
- IIPeter 3:14
- Jude 17-23

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

- I Timothy

- 3:1-13 – Qualities of elders and deacons
- 3:14-16 – The church and Christ
- 4:6-16 – Instructions concerning teaching and conduct
- 5:1 – 6:2 – Instructions to groups in the church
- 6:3-5 – Concerning false teachers
- 6:6-10- Concerning covetousness
- 6:11-16 – Fight the good fight
- 6:17-19 – Concerning the rich
- 6:20-21 – Final charges

- II Timothy

- 2:1-13 – Teaching the Word at all cost
- 2:14-26 – Unprofitable discussions
- 3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 3:1-13 **1** It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*. **2** An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, **3** not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. **4** *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity **5** (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), **6** *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. **7** And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. **8** Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, **9** *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. **10** These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. **11** Women *must* likewise *be* dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. **12** Deacons must be husbands of *only* one wife, *and* good managers of *their* children and their own households. **13** For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

Bishop, elder, shepherd, and pastor all refer to the same office.

Acts 20:**28** Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. (NASB)

1 Peter 5:1-3 **1** Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, **2** shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; **3** nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. (NASB)

Eph 4:**11** And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, (NASB)

- Ποιμήν, *poimên*, a shepherd

Vs.11 – “Likewise” – qualities all Christian (men & women) seek

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualities for elders.

(Definitions of qualities found in Titus will also be given)

vs.2 - "above reproach", "blameless" (KJV)

Greek word, amopilapton, literally means "irreproachable" (Arndt and Gingrich, p.4) or "not to be laid of, 'hence irreprehensible or unassailable.'" (Hendriksen, p.120)

Application to young Christians – Protect yourself so that no blame or reproach can be proved against you

- *This does not mean sinless,*
 - *Rather one who corrects his sins and is no longer held to blame in the sight of God or man.*
 - Luke 3:8 Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ' We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.2 - "husband of one wife"- "A one woman man."

*This would not only prohibit more than one wife,
but it would also demand one wife*

Application to young Christians – Martial faithfulness

Titus 1:6 - "believing children"

"believing" would undoubtedly refer to obedience to the gospel, thus children who are Christians

*Application to young Christians - Teaching our children,
from birth up*

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.2 - "temperate"

David Lipscomb defines this term as "Watchful over himself in restraining the appetites and passions, using all in moderation so as to blend all the faculties to the highest degree of activity." (Lipscomb, p.146)

Application to young Christians – Have one's self under control, not having habits that would detract from our service to God

Practical Counsels thru Timothy 3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.2 – “prudent”, “sober-minded” (ASV)

Clarke says of this term, "He must be sober: sofrona,
prudent,

Etymology of the word - from sos, sound, and fran, mind,

Sound – healthy, solidly grounded

Grounded in the Word

*A man of a healthy mind; having a good understanding
and the complete government of all his passions." (Adam
Clarke, p.595)*

*Application to young Christians – Try not to be flighty or
flippant but earnest, seriously considering the things
pertaining to this life and life eternal.*

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.2 – “respectable”, “orderly” (ASV), “of good behavior”

Kosmios - orderly, decent, grave

When applied to the character of a man it means "respectable, honorable." (Arndt and Gingrich, p.446)

The preceding term, sofrona, refers to the mind; this latter kosmios, to the external manners.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy 3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.2 - “hospitable”, "given to hospitality“ (ASV)

Literally "a lover of strangers."

First century this was a very important work in the early church

Few inns where a stranger might lodge for the night, he would often be caught in a situation where he would have to sleep on the ground or be taken into a private home.

Heb.13:2 and 1Tim.5:10 indicate that this was a common practice among Christians.

Heb 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. 2 (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

Vs.2 - "able to teach", "apt to teach"(asv) - *Greek didaktikon.*

"skillful in teaching." (Arndt and Gingrich, p.190)

Application to young Christians – Learn, so as to be able to teach, even if just one-on-one

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.3 – “not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. “

vs.3 - “not addicted to wine”, “no brawler“ (ASV)

Primary use of this word is to denote "one who sits long at his wine." (Thayer, p.490) and means "drunken, addicted to wine." (Arndt and Gingrich, p.634).

Bounded by vs.2 “sober minded”

Practical Counsels thru Timothy 3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.3 - “pugnacious”, “no striker” (ASV), “bully” (HCSV)

A striker is a man who is always ready to fight because he cannot control his temper.

Lipscomb - "ungoverned in temper, ready to resent insult or wrong, real or imaginary, quarrelsome, or ready to fight." (Lipscomb, p.147)

James 1:19-20 **19** This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; **20** for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.3 - "gentle"

Term means to be kind and understanding

A gentle person merciful and meek (under control)

Not one who speaks harshly

but out of concern for the best interest of others

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.3 - “peaceable”, “not contentious” (ASV)

While all Christians are commanded to contend for the faith (Jude 3),

No passage of scripture upholds a contentious spirit.

Difference between contending for the truth, and contending over unimportant matters.

Is this as important to God as it is to me?

If the truth is set forth, we can go no further

Casting pearls before swine

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.3 - “free from the love of money“, "no lover of money“ (ASV)

Free from loving the money itself

As well as making money by any base mean

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.4 - *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (NASB)

Paul expresses this same qualification to Titus by saying "having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unruly." (Titus 1:6)

- Paul also gives the reason for the requirement.

Vs.5 - "but if a man knows not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God." (1Tim.3:5)

Application to young Christians – work to raise one's children and control one's home in the way that is subject to God

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.6 - “not a new convert”, “not a novice” (ASV)

"Not a young plant, not recently in grafted, that is one not newly converted to the faith." (Clarke, p.596)

Not only applying to age, but time in the faith

Application to young Christians – It's alright to grow!

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

vs.7 - “must have a good reputation with those outside “, “**must have good testimony from them that are without**“ (ASV)

- *Application to young Christians – Be mindful of our personal reputation in the community*

1 Peter 2:**12** having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. (NKJV)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

Titus 1:7 also lists "not self-willed"

- *Application - I should not be one who is determined to have my own way in everything*

We must contend for the truth (Jude 3) in matters of faith & doctrine

- But in matters of opinion I am not to demand my way at all times

Practical Counsels thru Timothy 3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

Titus 1:8 – Also lists

"loving what is good"

*Comprehending "good works" which are opposed to evil works,
"good or true doctrine" opposed to an evil or false doctrine, etc.*

Trained to discern good and evil, Heb.5:14

"just"

Prov 11:1 Dishonest scales *are* an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight *is* His delight. (NKJV)

"devout", "holy" (ASV) - sanctified or set apart.

1 Peter 1:14-16 **14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, **15** but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; **16** because it is written, " YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." (NASB)

Being transformed by the renewing of our mind

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.1-7 - Definition of the qualifications for elders.

Titus 1:9 also lists "holding fast the faithful word"

- ***Application - Learn to***
 - **Give instruction to sound doctrine (positive)**
 - **Confute those who contradict it (negative)**

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

- vs.8-10 - Qualities of deacons.

- Many of the deacons qualifications have been discussed and defined, because they are the same as the elders.

- A few differences and some points of interest will be noted

- *vs.8 – Not double tongued, double talk, saying one thing to one and another to another*

- *vs.9 - "holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience."*

Maintaining the gospel with a pure conscience.

Without doubts in what we believe, and behavior

“holding fast the faithful word” of Titus 1:9

- *vs.10 - " must also first be tested "*

Application – live my life with the realization that I will be tested

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-13 - Qualities of elders and deacons.

vs.8-10 – Qualities of deacons.

vs.11 - "women in like manner."

Qualities for women to gain, whether to serve as a wife of a deacon, or in some other manner

"Wives too" (HCSV)

vs.12 - "ruling their children"

Ability to serve begins in the home

Luke 16:10 " He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 3:14-16 **14** I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; **15** but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. **16** By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:14-16 - The church and Christ.

vs.14-15 - Paul was hoping to come to Ephesus to be with Timothy very shortly,

But realized he might be delayed as he had often been before.

- He was therefore writing the things to Timothy so he would have them in case of this delay.
- The purpose of the things Paul was writing was to instruct Timothy how to conduct himself in the church.

We can gain from and apply these instructions

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:14-16 - The church and Christ.

vs.15 - The "household of God" is the "church of God"

- Household is the family,
 - Including all who hold allegiance to the head of the household.
 - Like the house of David, or house of Saul, II Samuel
- The church is the "pillar and support of the truth"
Those in the church are the trustees of the gospel (Jude 3),
The ones who support it, uphold it, defend it, and proclaim it.

The Living God – in contrast to the gods served by the societies of that day

Furthermore, God is God of the living and not the dead

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:14-16 - The church and Christ.

vs.16 - " By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness "

The "mystery of Godliness" is another way of referring to "the truth" or "the faith" or "the gospel". (1Tim.6:3, 3:9, Titus 1:1)

Godliness - εὐσέβεια Gr. 2150g eusebeia - piety (14)

Thayer, p.262 - reverence, respect, piety towards God, godliness

This is just continued comment concerning "the truth" just mentioned.

"By common confession", "without controversy" (ASV) - "confessedly"

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:14-16 - The church and Christ.

vs.16 - " By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness "

In essence Paul says the church has been entrusted with the gospel and this gospel is agreed by all to be a great mystery.

- *It cannot be learned in any way other than by revelation.*
- *It is too great for man to find it apart from the revelation of God (gospel), which the church is upholding.*
- *To illustrate what a great mystery it is, Paul then gives a general outline of what the gospel really is.*
- *The great mystery of the gospel revolved around Christ (Col.2:2)*

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:14-16 - The church and Christ.

vs.16 - Outline of the mystery of Godliness

- The gospel

"He was manifested in the flesh"

God became man (Jn.1:1-3, Gal.4:4, Phil.2:5-8, I Tim.2:5, Heb.2:9)

"justified in the spirit"

"He is proved to be the very person he truly was (for this sense of justified, compare Luke 7:35)" (Lange, p.46)

The spirit declared him to be God's son at his baptism (Mt.3:16-17).

He received the spirit without measure (Jn.3:34) and finally was raised by the spirit (Rom.8:11) to be declared the Son of God with power (Rom.1:4).

Truly the Spirit justified his claim of being the Son of God.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:14-16 - The church and Christ.

vs.16 - Outline of the mystery of Godliness

"seen by angels"

The Son of man in his humiliation revealed himself as the Son of God, and at every step in his earthly manifestation the angels saw in Him the eternal God.

They announced his advent, they ministered to his wants, they announced his resurrection, and attended him in his glorified humanity." (Lipscomb, p.154)

Birth, Lk.2:12-14; after temptation Mk.1:13; garden of Gethsemane Mt.22:43; resurrection Mt.28:2; ascension Acts 1:11

IPet.1:12 shows the great interest angels had in the gospel.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:14-16 - The church and Christ.

vs.16 - Outline of the mystery of Godliness

“proclaimed among the nations”

Christ was not for Jews only but was a universal savior

He was also preached to the Gentiles (nations)

“believed on in the world”

He was accepted throughout the world.

Compare Col.1:5-6,23, Rom.1:8, Mk.16:15

“taken up in glory”

The “glory” here is evidently “heaven”.

Compare Mk.16:19.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 4:1-5 **1** But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, **2** by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, **3** *men* who forbid marriage *and advocate* abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. **4** For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; **5** for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.

(NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

Personal instructions to Timothy regarding his conduct and responsibility as an evangelist.

4:1-5 - Apostasy foretold.

vs.1 - " the Spirit explicitly says " the apostasy was definitely foretold by God and not merely assumed by man.

"later times" - An undetermined time.

- Does not devote any specific days.

"fall away from the faith".

- Faith is here used objectively as in Jude3, Acts 6:7, Gal.1:23.

"deceitful spirits ", "seducing spirits" (ASV)

- The idea of seducing is "causing to wander" or "go astray".
(P.P.Comm., p.68)

vs.3 - Two of the doctrines that will be taught are revealed by the Spirit through Paul.

- Abstain from meats.
- Forbidding to marry.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 4:6-16 **6** In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, *constantly* nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following. **7** But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; **8** for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and *also* for the *life* to come. **9** It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance. **10** For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching and conduct.

vs.6 - Put the brethren in mind of the things Paul has told him

Nourished in the words of the faith

"nourished" - "brought up in", "trained in from childhood" (PP Comm., p.70)

- It is the way Timothy is to grow and become strong.

"the faith" - the objective faith (Jude 3, Acts 6:7)

"sound doctrine": In contrast to "doctrine of demons" in vs.1.

- The doctrine is called good (4:6); healthy (1:10) and according to godliness (6:3).

vs.7 - "have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women", "refuse profane and old wives tales"(ASV)

"profane" - See 1:9.

- Things not consecrated to God.

"old wives tales" - Not Jewish as in 1:4 but tales or stories of old women.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching and conduct.

- vs.7-10 - " discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness ", vs7

It may be that some of the profane and old wives tales were concerning bodily exercise,

So Paul goes directly into the difference between physical exercise and perhaps ascetism and the true abiding thing which is godliness.

vs.9 - " It is a trustworthy statement ", "Faithful is the saying..."(ASV)

- This refers back to "godliness is profitable for all things".

vs.10 - "For it is for this", "for to this end....."(ASV)

- We are striving for "godliness" because we have our hope set on the living God.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 4:11-16 **11** Prescribe and teach these things.

12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. **13** Until I come, give attention to the *public* reading of *Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching. **14** Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. **15** Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them, so that your progress will be evident to all.

16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

(NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching and conduct.

vs.11 - "Prescribe and teach these things"

- All things Paul has just said.

vs.12 - "Let no one look down on your youthfulness".

- "The Romans divided life into childhood up to eighteen years, youth up to forty-four, and old age up to death".

(Lipscomb, p.160)

- It is usually "estimated" that Timothy would be between 35 and 40 years of age at this time.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy 4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching and conduct.

vs.12 - "show yourself an example of those who believe".

- An example: properly the original "pattern" or "model" after which anything is made or fashioned; hence a pattern or "example".
- The things in which he is to be an example or pattern.
 - *"in word": 5:17, II Tim. 1:13, Titus 2:1,7*
 - *"in manner of life": (3:15) In conduct, behavior.*
 - *"in love"*
 - *"in faith": 1:5*
 - *"in purity": Moral purity in every sense of the word.*

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

**4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching, conduct
Things in which he is to be an example or pattern, vs.12**

- ***"in word": 5:17, II Tim. 1:13, Titus 2:1,7***

- 2 Tim 1:13 Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. (NASB)
- Titus 2:1-2 **1** But as for you, speaking the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. **2** Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. (NASB)
- Titus 2:6-7 **6** Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; **7** in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, *with* purity in doctrine, dignified, (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his teaching, conduct

Things in which he is to be an example or pattern, vs.12

- ***"in manner of life":*** (how one ought to conduct himself , **3:15**) ***In conduct, behavior.***

- ***"in love"***

- ***"in faith": 1:5***

- 1 Tim 1:5-7 **5** But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
6 For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion, **7** wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

- ***"in purity": Moral purity in every sense of the word.***

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching and conduct.

vs.13 - "give attention to the *public* reading"

- Public reading of the scriptures.
- Lk.4:16, Acts 13:27, 15:21, Eph.3:4, Col.4:16, IThess.5:27

vs.13 - "to exhortation"

- Type of preaching that produced consolation. (Acts 4:36)

vs.13 - "and teaching"

- This is the type of preaching or teaching where doctrine is learned.
- Exhortation is the kind that makes one live what he has learned.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching and conduct.

- vs.14 - "neglect the spiritual gift within you"

- Timothy had received some kind of spiritual gift.
 - *It evidently had something to do with his work as an evangelist, hence the gift of prophesy would be the best "guess".*
- The gift came "with" the laying on of the hands of the elders but "through" the laying on of Paul's hands (II Tim. 1:6).
 - *Evidently the elders did this as an act of approval of Timothy but Paul did it to give him the gift. (Acts 8:18, 13:3)*

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching and conduct.

vs.15 - "Take pains with these things"

- "diligent": "It is very common in the LXX, in the sense of 'meditating' practicing in the thoughts. (PP Comm., p.72)

vs.15 - "be *absorbed* in them", "give thyself wholly to them"

- "Be always and wholly occupied with them". (PP Comm., p.72)
- "Heart and head, soul and body."
 - *It is not enough for Paul that Timothy should follow his calling with the fidelity of a slave; he must live wholly in and for it." (Lange, p.53)*
- The purpose of this dedication is "that your progress will be evident to all "
 - *"Timothy must not be content with the height he had now attained, but always strive after a higher and higher development". (Lange, p.54)*
 - *"Progress, advance, or growth is the idea of progress: (PP Comm., p.72)*
 - Phil.1:12,25, Lk.2:52, Rom.8:12, Gal.1:14, IITim.3:14
 - Negative progress - IITim.2:16, 3:9

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching and conduct.

- vs.16 - "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching"

- Compare Acts 20:28

vs.16 - "persevere in these things", "Continue in these things"(ASV)

- Things spoken by Paul.

- Purpose is for his own salvation and those that hear.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:6-16 - Instructions concerning his own teaching and conduct.

Summary:

- No less than six times in these ten verses, Paul directly mentions Timothy's relation and responsibility to the word of God.
- Other statements are explaining these six direct references.
- It is evident that Timothy's job was to deal with the word in life and speech, or practice and preaching.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 5:1-8 **1** Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but *rather* appeal to *him* as a father, *to* the younger men as brothers, **2** the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity. **3** Honor widows who are widows indeed; **4** but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God. **5** Now she who is a widow indeed and who has been left alone, has fixed her hope on God and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day. **6** But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives. **7** Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach. **8** But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

ch.5:1-6:2 - Instructions concerning classes of people in the church.

5:1-2 - Old, young, men, women

vs.1 - " Do not sharply rebuke an older man "

- Elder is sometimes used to refer to an overseer in the church, but here refers to an elderly man in contrast to a younger man.

- He also speaks of elderly women in vs.2.

- A young man should not "rebuke an elderly man or an elderly woman, but tenderly exhort them as he would his father or mother.

vs.1 - "younger men as brethren"

- Treat him with love and consideration.

vs.2 - "older women as mothers"

- See above under elder.

vs.2 - "younger women as sisters, in all purity".

- With love and consideration and never with immoral thoughts or acts.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

ch.5:1-6:2 - Instructions concerning classes of people in the church.

5:3-16 - Widows

vs.3 - "widows indeed"

A widow indeed is one who is desolate (vs.5) having no children or grandchildren (vs.4).

- *She is also one who has her hope set on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day (vs.5).*

- *She is not one who gives herself to pleasure (vs.6).*

"honor" - "The word honor contains the idea not only of respect, consideration,

but also, that of temporal support.

- *It suggests that such relief is not to be dealt to them as paupers, in a manner so as to degrade them, but as to Christians who the church holds in honor, and to them it thus shows honor.*

- *Care for widows was a marked feature of the Old Testament (Ex.22:22-24, Deut.24:17-19), and in apostolic churches it was very early a prominent duty (Acts 6:12)." (Lipscomb, p.164)*

- Mt.15:4-6, 1Tim.5:17

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

Vs. **8** But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (NASB)

- The responsibility to take care of our family

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 5:9-16 **9** A widow is to be put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, *having been* the wife of one man, **10** having a reputation for good works; *and* if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, *and* if she has devoted herself to every good work. **11** But refuse *to put* younger widows *on the list*, for when they feel sensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married, **12** *thus* incurring condemnation, because they have set aside their previous pledge. **13** At the same time they also learn *to be* idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper *to mention*. **14** Therefore, I want younger *widows* to get married, bear children, keep house, *and* give the enemy no occasion for reproach; **15** for some have already turned aside to follow Satan. **16** If any woman who is a believer has *dependent* widows, she must assist them and the church must not be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

ch.5:1-6:2 - Instructions concerning classes of people in the church.

5:3-16 - Widows

vs.9-10 - Enrolled widow

This is a special class of widows enrolled by the church into permanent widowhood and permanent support.

- *An "enrolled widow" must have certain qualifications whereas "any widow" could receive support from the church if she was classified as a needy saint (Acts 2:44-45, 4:34).*
- *It was into this group that the younger widows were not to be taken (vs.11) because they would soon want out to resume a normal life (vs.12).*

Qualifications of an enrolled widow.

- *Must be at least 60 years of age.*
- *Wife of one man.*
- *Well reported of for good works.*
- *Brought up children.*
- *Used hospitality to strangers.*
- *Washed the saints feet.*
- *Relieved the afflicted.*
- *Diligently followed every good work.*

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

ch.5:1-6:2 - Instructions concerning classes of people in the church.

5:3-16 - Widows

Widows. (Those not widows indeed.)

They are first of all to be cared for by their relatives.

If relatives refuse to care for them the church may. (vs.16)

vs.11-15 - Young widows are to marry.

vs.11 - "feel sensual desires" - "to feel the impulses of sexual desire" (Thayer)
- The basic meaning is to be wanton, or live luxuriously, or to run riot.

vs.13 - "idle"

vs.13 - "tattlers" (ASV) "gossips", "a trifling silly talker." (PP Comm., p.98)

vs.13 - "busybodies" - "meddling with what does not concern you". (PP Comm., p.98)

vs.14- "keep house" (NASB) "rule the household" (ASV) -Mistress, guide of the household affairs.

- Same as Titus 2:5.

By enrolling the young widow into a place of permanent support the church would really be helping her to lose her soul.

- That position is reserved for the women who have lost their womanly impulses and have set their heart only on the Lord's work.

5:17-25 – Concerning elders

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

Vs. **16** - One member does not equal the church

- Matt 18:**17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. (NASB)
- i.e. what an individual Christian may have the authority to do, isn't to say that the church has the authority to do it as a group
 - Such as
 - Own a business
 - Teach a secular class

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 6:1-2 **1** All who are under the yoke as slaves are to regard their own masters as worthy of all honor so that the name of God and *our* doctrine will not be spoken against. **2** Those who have believers as their masters must not be disrespectful to them because they are brethren, but must serve them all the more, because those who partake of the benefit are believers and beloved. Teach and preach these *principles*. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:1-2 - Servants

See Eph.6:5-9, Col.3:22-4:1, Philemon 8-20

Col 3:22-4:1 **22** Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. **23** Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, **24** knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. **25** For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

4:1 Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:1-2 - Servants

See Eph.6:5-9, Col.3:22-4:1, Philemon 8-20

Philem 1:8-20 **8** Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you *to do* what is proper, **9** yet for love's sake I rather appeal *to you*—since I am such a person as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—**10** I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment, **11** who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me. **12** I have sent him back to you in person, that is, *sending* my very heart, **13** whom I wished to keep with me, so that on your behalf he might minister to me in my imprisonment for the gospel; **14** but without your consent I did not want to do anything, so that your goodness would not be, in effect, by compulsion but of your own free will. **15** For perhaps he was for this reason separated *from you* for a while, that you would have him back forever, **16** no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. **17** If then you regard me a partner, accept him as *you would* me. **18** But if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to my account; **19** I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand, I will repay it (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well). **20** Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

(NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 6:3-5 **3** If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, **4** he is conceited *and* understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, **5** and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:3-5 - Concerning false teachers.

vs.3 - "different doctrine" - See 1:3, Gal.1:6-9

1 Tim 1:3 As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, (NASB)

Gal 1:6-9 **6** I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; **7** which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! **9** As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! (NASB)

vs.3 - "agree" - "one who has come over." (Exp.Gk. N.T., p.141)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:3-5 - Concerning false teachers.

vs.3 - "sound words" - "healthy words" (1:10)

1 Tim 1:8-11 **8** But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, **9** realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers **10** and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching, **11** according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:3-5 - Concerning false teachers.

vs.3 - "doctrine conforming to godliness" - (3:16)

Godliness – a reverence towards God

This reverence keeps us from taking liberties with His instructions

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

- 6:3-5 - Concerning false teachers.

- vs.4 - "conceited" - "The idea seems to be 'lightness', 'emptiness', and 'elation'.

- Some add that of 'obscuration' as by smoke; to wrap in smoke, to be wrapped in clouds of conceit and folly."
(Liddell & Scott, PP.Comm., p.52)

vs.4 - "morbid interest" - "Here it means 'having a morbid love of' or 'going mad about'."

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

- 6:3-5 - Concerning false teachers.

vs.4 - "controversial question" - See 1:6

1 Tim 1:5-7 **6** For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion, **7** wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions. (NASB)

vs.4 - "disputes about words" - "battle of words".

- "It is not clear whether what is meant are wordy quarrels or quarrels about words." (Exp.Gk. N.T., p.141)

- Other N.T. teaching would indicate the first because God's words were held as final authority to the saints (1Cor.2:10-13).

1 Cor 2:10-13 **10** For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. **11** For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, **13** which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

- 6:3-5 - Concerning false teachers.

- vs.4 - "envy" - for similiar list see Rom.1:29,
Gal.5:20, Phil.1:15.

- envy - "Chagrin or discontent at the excellence or good fortune of another; resentful begrudging". (Webster)

- vs.4 - "strife" - "contention, strife, wrangling."
(Thayer, p.249)

- vs.4 - "railings" - blasphemy or speaking evil.

- vs.4 - "evil surmising's" - evil suspicions.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

- 6:3-5 - Concerning false teachers.

- vs.5 – “constant friction”, “wranglings” - “constant contention, incessant wrangling or strife.” (Thayer, p.140)

- vs.5 – “depraved”, “corrupted” - “to change for the worse, to corrupt.” (Thayer, p.143)

- vs.5 – “deprived”, “bereft” - “to deprive one of a thing.” (Thayer, p.68)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 6:6-10 **6** But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. **7** For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. **8** If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. **9** But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:6-10 - Concerning covetousness.

- **vs.5-6 – Gain through godliness**
 - **Vs. 5- NASB – “religion”**
 - **Vs.6 – real godliness (reverence towards God) with contentment**
 - **In contrast to pursuing material gain through an apparent godliness**
 - **Vs.7-8 – Context of material “wealth” discussion**

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:6-10 - Concerning covetousness.

- vs.7 - "we brought nothing into the world, neither can..."

- Job 1:20-21 **20** Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. **21** He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." (NASB)
- Psalms 49:17-18 **17** For when he dies he will carry nothing away; His glory will not descend after him. **18** Though while he lives he congratulates himself— And though *men* praise you when you do well for yourself—(NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:6-10 - Concerning covetousness.

- vs.7 - "we brought nothing into the world, neither can..."

- Luke 12:15-21 **15** Then He said to them, " Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." **16** And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive. **17** And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' **18** Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** ~'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.'" **20** But God said to him, ' You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?' **21** So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:6-10 - Concerning covetousness.

- vs.8 - "food and covering".

- "covering": The word is used of the covering or shelter of clothes, or tents or houses.

- vs.9 - "are minded": They have thought it over and decided to make the acquisition of riches their goal.

- "crave" (Amplified Version) – the over all important goal

- Prov.28:20 A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished. (NASB)

- Psalms – the benefit of a wife going out and buying a field

- Blessings aren't bad in God's sight, but the craving to achieve them

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:6-10 - Concerning covetousness.

- vs.9 – “ruin and destruction”, "destruction and perdition": "The two words taken together imply utter ruin and destruction of body and soul." (PP Comm., p.121)

- vs.10 - "pierced": "Applied especially to 'spitting' mean." (PP Comm., p.121)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 6:11-16 **11** But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **13** I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, **14** that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **16** who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal dominion! Amen. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:11-16 - Fighting the good fight.

- vs.11 - "man of God" - Used approximately 80 times in the O.T. and 22 times in the N.T.

- Each time it refers to a teacher of God's word.

- vs.11 - "flee these things" - Love of money and riches just mentioned.

- vs.11 - "follow after": (In contrast to "flee" above.)

- "Righteousness and godliness have the widest relations, pointing to general conformity to God's law and practical piety." (Exp.Gk. N.T., p.149)

- "Faith and love are the fundamental principles of Christianity." (Ibid.)

- "Patience and meekness the principles on which a Christian ought to act towards his gainsayers and opponents." (Ibid)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:11-16 - Fighting the good fight.

- vs.14 - "without spot, without reproach"

- "without spot": "spotless; free from censure, irreproachable, free from vice, unsullied." (Thayer, p.81)
- "without stain", "without reproach": "Not apprehended, that cannot be laid hold of; hence that cannot be reprehended, not open to censure, irreproachable." (Thayer, p.44)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:11-16 - Fighting the good fight.

- vs.15-16 - Some statements glorifying God.

- vs.15 - " Sovereign ": "A prince, potentate; a courtier, high officer, royal minister." (Thayer, p.160)
 - *Also used in Lk.1:52, and in Acts 8:27 with reference to the eunuch.*
 - *It would here in ITim.6:15 mean the one and only ruler of all the heavens and earth.*
 - He shares this responsibility with no one.
- vs.15 - "the king of kings" literally "the King of the ones ruling."
 - *Applied to Jesus in Rev.17:14, 19:16.*
 - Rev 17:14 These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful." (NASB)
 - Rev 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, " KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:11-16 - Fighting the good fight.

- vs.15-16 - Some statements glorifying God.

- **vs.15 - "the Lord of lords" literally "the Lord (ruler) of the ones ruling."**
 - Psalms 136:2-3 **2** Give thanks to the God of gods, For His lovingkindness is everlasting. **3** Give thanks to the Lord of lords, For His lovingkindness is everlasting. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:11-16 - Fighting the good fight.

- vs.15-16 - Some statements glorifying God.

- vs.16 - "immortality": Freedom from death, suffering and decay.

- vs.16 - "whom no man has seen or can see."

- **1:17** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim 1:17 (NASB)
- Ex 33:20-23 **20** But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" **21** Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand *there* on the rock; **22** and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. **23** Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen." (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 6:17-19 **17** Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. **18** *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, **19** storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:17-19 - Concerning the rich.

- The previous instructions in 6:6-10 were concerning the ones who "desired to be rich."
- This is relative to those who are.
- vs.17 - "don't be rich minded"

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:17-19 - Concerning the rich.

- vs.17 - "don't set hopes on the uncertainty of riches".

- Should be on God who gave the riches.

- ***God gave to be enjoyed. (Mk.10:29-30, Eccl.2:24, 11:8, 3Jn.2)***
- Mark 10:28-30 **29** Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, **30** but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. (NASB)
- Eccl 2:**24** There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen that it is from the hand of God. (NASB)
- Eccl 11:**8** Indeed, if a man should live many years, let him rejoice in them all, and let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. Everything that is to come *will be* futility. (NASB)
- 3 John **2** Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. **3 3** (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:17-19 - Concerning the rich.

- vs.18 - "do good"

- vs.18 - "be rich in good works" - Gal.6:7-10

- Gal 6:7-10 **7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. **8** For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. **9** Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. **10** So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:17-19 - Concerning the rich.

- vs.18 – “be generous”, “be ready to distribute” - Acts 2:44-45, 4:34-35, ICor.16:1-3, Rom.15:25-27, IICor.8&9

- Acts 2:43-45 **44** And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; **45** and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.
(NASB)
- Acts 4:33-35 **34** For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales **35** and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:17-19 - Concerning the rich.

- vs.18 – “be generous”, “be ready to distribute” - Acts 2:44-45, 4:34-35, ICor.16:1-3, Rom.15:25-27, IICor.8&9

1 Cor 16:1-3 **1** Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. **2** On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

3 When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem; (NASB)

Romans 15:25-27 **25** but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints. **26** For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

27 Yes, they were pleased *to do so*, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:17-19 - Concerning the rich.

- vs.18 – “ready to share”, "willing to communicate" -

Gal.6:6, Heb.13:16

- By doing the above things the rich can be saved and lay hold on the real true life.
- Gal 6:6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches *him*. (NASB)
- Heb 13:16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

1 Tim 6:20-21 **20** O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly *and* empty chatter *and* the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge" — **21** which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you.
(NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:20-21 - Final charges.

- vs.20 - "guard what has been entrusted to you."

- Don't alter, change, add or subtract from the work and word that has been given to you.

- vs.20 – “avoiding”, "turn away from..."

- "Turn away from these useless talks and subjects that bring no profit.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

6:20-21 - Final charges.

- vs.20 – “empty chatter”, "profane babblings":

Profane means 'common' and babblings means 'the utterance of empty words'".

- vs.20 – “opposing arguments”, "oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called."

- The opposing doctrines were based on knowledge according to their proclaimers.

- Paul points out that 'knowledge' is the false name.

- It was really ignorance. (1:6-7)

- vs.21 - "professing": 2:10

- vs.21 – “gone astray”, "erred": "missed the mark."

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 2:1-7 **1** You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. **2** The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. **3** Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. **4** No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. **5** Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules. **6** The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. **7** Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:1-13 - Exhortation to teach the word at all costs.

- **vs.2 - Proper procedure for providing teachers.**
 - *Paul taught Timothy.*
 - *Timothy is to teach faithful men.*
 - "faithful" - trustworthy
 - "able" - "sufficient, fit, able, worthy. (Thayer, p.300)
 - *These faithful, competent men are to teach others.*
- **Timothy's entire efforts should be toward this one goal**
 - **Work of an evangelist, but pertinent to all**

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:1-13 - Exhortation to teach the word at all costs.

Vs.3 – Fellow soldier with Paul

vs.4 - "No soldier on service, entangles himself in the affairs of this life"

- "affairs": "Prosecution of any affair; occupation: plur. with the addition of (the life) pursuits and occupations pertaining to civil life, opp. to warfare." (Thayer, p.524)

- "entangles": To inweave, to entangle, involve in (Thayer, p.208)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:1-13 - Exhortation to teach the word at all costs.

vs.4 - "No soldier on service, entangles himself in the affairs of this life" (cont.)

- Paul engaged in an occupation (Acts 18:3, 20:34, ICor.4:12, IIThess. 3:6-9).

- Paul worked either:

1) *because of necessity to supply his needs, Acts 20:34, or*

2) *to set an example for others, IIThess.3:9 or*

3) *to keep from leaving the wrong impression, ICor.9.*

-By considering ICor.9:14 with Paul's instruction here in 2:4, and by closely observing why Paul engaged in business, it is evident that the efforts of an evangelist should be directed solely toward the goal of instruction and his business activities should never remove him from that goal, but rather help him in pursuing it.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:1-13 - Exhortation to teach the word at all costs.

vs.5 – “competes as an athlete “,”contending in the games”

- All efforts must be according to the rules, or lawfully.

- There are no short cuts.

- A condition for receiving the crown

- He must work and win.

- vs.6 - " hard-working farmer", “The husband that labors”

- Principle of laboring, illustrated in the example of farming

- One cannot partake of the fruits unless he first labors.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 2:8-13 **8** Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, **9** for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned. **10** For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus *and with it* eternal glory. **11** It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; **12** If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; **13** If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:1-13 - Exhortation to teach the word at all costs.

- *vs.8 - The suffering of Christ as an example.*
- *vs.9-10 - The suffering of Paul as an example.*

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:1-13 - Exhortation to teach the word at all costs.

vs.11-13 – The “trustworthy statement”, “faithful saying”

- To encourage Timothy to faithfulness unto death.
- "If we died with him" - baptism, Rom.6:1-11
 - "We shall also live with him."
- "If we endure, we shall also reign with him." - Rev.2:10
- If we fail to endure by denying him or becoming unfaithful only "we" shall be hurt.
 - Our denial will cause him to deny us (Mt.10:32-33).
 - Our faithfulness will not affect the faithfulness of Jesus
 - The only road open to us is to remain faithful at all costs.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 2:14-19 **14** Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly charge *them* in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless *and leads* to the ruin of the hearers. **15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. **16** But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, **17** and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, **18** *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some. **19** Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, " The Lord knows those who are His," and, " Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness." (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-4:8 - Warning against false teachers and instruction to Timothy how to conduct himself as a true and faithful teacher.

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

Similar to warnings about false teachers in I Tim. 6

- vs. 14 - "not to wrangle about words, which is useless *and leads to the ruin of the hearers*"

- "*strive about words*": "*to contend about words; contentually, to wrangle about empty and trifling matters*" (Thayer, p.380).

- I Tim. 6:4

- "petty controversy" – Amplified Version

- "*useless*", "*to no profit*": *Useful for nothing, Pulpit Comm., p.21.*

- *Discerning God's word is not "useless" or "petty", but arguing about what God hasn't specified would be*

- "*ruin*", "*subverting*": "*overthrow, destruction*" (Thayer, p.337)

- II Pet. 2:6

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

vs.15 - Proper and positive attitude and work of Timothy.

- *"diligence": "zeal, earnest desire, effort, and haste are all implied in it" (Pulpit Comm., p.21)*

- *"present": See Lk.2:22, Acts 1:3, 9:41*

- Luke 2:22 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (NASB)
- Acts 1:3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of* forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. (NASB)
- Acts 9:41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

vs.15 - Proper and positive attitude and work of Timothy.

- *"approved": One who has been tried and tested, hence properly proven to be true as are metals.*
- *"to God": Present yourself unto God, not man.*
- *"a workman": Paul has shown the necessity of laboring under the figures of a soldier, athlete, and farmer.*
- *"ashamed": When one's work has been empty or dishonest, he is put to shame when it is put to the test and found to be bad.*
 - **If Timothy will prove his work as he proceeds there will never be a time when he is put to shame.**

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

vs.15 - The proper and positive attitude and work of Timothy.

- *“accurately handling”, “handling aright”: lit. cutting straight.*

- Some say this is a metaphor borrowed from ploughing straight furrows in a field.

- Others from a carpenter's work, still others of cutting straight seams in a tent, others believe it refers to animals offered in sacrifice or bread that was cut.

- Some refer it to the dividing of the old and new testaments and still others believe it refers to cutting away all the impure things from the law.

- It probably refers to "handling aright" whatever you are doing.

- In this case it is handling God's word in the correct manner.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

- vs.16-17 - Things to shun: "turn yourself around from, for the purpose of avoiding"

- vs.16 – *“empty”, “profane”*: *“unhallowed, common, opp. of what is holy or sacred”*

- Opp. of the word of truth mentioned above.

- Don’t know what is “profane”, unless we know what is holy, from God’s word

- vs.16 - *“chatter”, “babblings”*: *“empty discussion, discussion of vain and useless matters” (Thayer, p.343)*

- vs.16 - *“ungodliness”*: *“impiety, improper reverence to God”*

- *“further” – not only is this chatter ungodly, but it fosters further irreverence towards God*

- *Often the outcome of these controversies is an ungodly attitude*

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

- vs.16-17 - Things to shun: "turn yourself around from, for the purpose of avoiding"
 - vs.17 – *"spread", "eat": "1. pasturage, fodder, food. 2. top growth, increase" (Thayer, p.427)*
 - vs.17 - *"gangrene": "a gangrene, a disease by which any part of the body suffering from inflammation becomes so corrupted that, unless a remedy by seasonably applied, the evil continually spreads, attacks other parts, and at last eats away the bones" (Thayer, p.107)*
 - *Gangrene is caused by lack of blood circulation*
 - *Spiritually, caused by lack of Christ (the Word, the blood) circulation*
- vs.17 - *"Hymenaeus": Probably the same as in I Tim.1:20.*
- vs.17 - *"Philetus": Nothing is known of him.*
 - *Specifically named to warn others not to follow them*
 - *Particularly for the sake of young Christians who otherwise wouldn't know*

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

vs.17-18 - Error of Hymenaeus and Philetus

- **vs.18 – “gone astray”, “erred”:** *“To deviate from , miss” (Thayer, p.82.)*

- 1 Tim 1:6 For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion, (NASB)
- 1 Tim 6:21 which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. (NASB)

- **vs.18 - “resurrection is past already”**

- This was evidently done by men such as the Gnostics who tried to spiritualize the bodily resurrection by misapplying such passages as Rom.6:4, Eph.2:1, Col.2:12, 3:1.

- **vs.18 - “overthrow”:** *“To overthrow, overturn, destroy; ethically, to subvert” (Thayer, p.43)*

Titus 1:11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not *teach* for the sake of sordid gain. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

vs.19 - The assurance of the righteous

God knows His people

Heb 12:22-23 **22** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, **23** to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, (NASB)

- **Jn.10:28** and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. (NASB)

And who aren't, such as those listed in vs.17

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 2:20-26 **20** Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. **21** Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. **22** Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. **23** But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. **24** The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, **25** with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, **26** and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

Vs.20 – Within the church, are some that honor God and some that dishonor Him

Vessel - σκεῦος, *skeuos*, a vessel, implement, pl. goods

So be an implement that is useful and honors God!

- ***What kind of container, tool, instrument am I?***

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

Vs.21 – Since God will allow us to remain until judgment,

I must purge myself

- ***Setting myself apart for God for a special work (saints)***
- ***Preparing myself***

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

Vs.22 – Timothy had to guard himself from youthful lusts

As a young man of perhaps 40 yrs old

Including – sexual desires, competitive drive of ambition, pride, material tokens of prestige (cars, boats, etc)

Youthful desires serve a purpose, but must be controlled and used correctly

Positive goals to strive for as eternal possessions

Righteousness, faith, love, peace etc.

These are what we take to heaven

Col. – set your mind on things above, not on the things of this earth

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

Vs.23 – Don't be sidetracked by foolish questions

Vs.16 – “worldly empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,”

These are counteractive to the peace of vs.22

A special warning to teachers

Keep on track of teaching truth

Don't let the class direct the discussion away on fruitless, speculative bunny trails

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2:14-26 - Unprofitable discussions.

Vs.24-26 – Don't be sidetracked by quarrels

All Christians are to be servants of the Lord

Positive goals – kind, able to teach, patient, longsuffering, gentle => the results of love

If someone needs to be rebuked, do it and do it gently, vs.25

Be patient with those who were brought up in an atmosphere of disadvantage,

Such as sectarianism, denominationalism

Realize that our enemy is error, not those who are in error.

Jn.3:19 – In general, men love error

Nevertheless, teach and correct them in patience and love

Vs.26 – Satan can captivate us, but inevitably it is by our choice

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 3:1-9 **1** But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. **2** For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, **3** unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, **4** treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. **6** For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, **7** always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. **8** Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these *men* also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith. **9** But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Jannes's and Jambres's folly was also.

(NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming.

Vs.1-13 – Difficult times coming

Vs.1 – In the last days

Acts 2 – The last days of the Jewish nation

Acts 2:14-17 **14** But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. **15** For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day; **16** but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: **17** ' AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – People will have an attitude of self gratification

“looking out for number one”, “what’s in it for me”

Bracketed vs.2-4 – Lovers of self RATHER than lovers of God

Always true of the world, but here appears to be speaking of the last days of the Jewish nation

Note the reference back to Moses’s day, vs.8

The references to the persecutions fueled by the Jews on the 1st journey, vs.11

Application – Is this true of churches in America today?

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love manifested by -

Pride, Prov.6:16

Speaking evil of others

Children are disobedient

Perhaps because of the parents' lack of true love towards their children

Ungrateful to God

And others who have done so much for them

Unloving, without natural affections

Examples are homosexuality, parents who abandon their children

Without self control – being without content

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love manifested by -

**Setting our own pleasure, recreation etc. up as our god,
Ezek.14:4**

These things are wrong when they take us from God

America is declining because once godly men, set their responsibilities towards God as secondary to

Career, entertainment, recreation

Not training up their children,

**Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but
bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord
(NASB)**

Vs.5 – Notice that these people have a form or likeness of godliness

Most of the damage to God's church comes from those in the church who claim to be Christians

Turn away from these people

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love manifested by -

Love of money

1 Tim 3:3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. (NASB)

1 Tim 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (NASB)

love - Φιλαργυρία, *philarguria*, love of money, avarice

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Boastful

ἀλαζών, *alazôn* from ἄλα *alê* (*wandering*); vagabond, hence *an impostor, boaster*

Perhaps someone claiming to be someone he's not

Arrogant

ὑπερήφανος, *hyperêphanos*, showing oneself above others

Romans 1:30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Revilers

Βλάσφημος, *blasphêmos*, slanderous, evil-speaking

2 Peter 2:10-12 **10** and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, **11** whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord. **12** But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed, (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Disobedient to parents

Disobedient - ἀπειθής, *apeithês*, disobedient

Romans 1:30

Ungrateful

ἀχάριστος, *acharistos*, ungracious, ungrateful

Gracious – marked by courtesy and kindness (Webster's II)

In context of attitude towards parents

Luke 6:35-36 **35** But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*. **36** Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 6 (NASB)

1 Tim 4:3-5 **3** *men* who forbid marriage *and* *advocate* abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. **4** For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; **5** for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Unholy

ἀνόσιος, *anosios*, unholy

Not set apart for a particular purpose, i.e. common

1 Tim 1:8-10 **8** But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully,
9 realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers **10** and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching, (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Unloving, vs.3

ἄστοργος, *astorgos*, without natural affection

The Romans could have their own children put to death or sell them into slavery

Americans can kill their own children while yet in the womb, or abandon them for the sack of their careers etc.

Both deficient in natural affection

Romans 1:28-32 **28** And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, **29** being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, **30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, **31** without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; **32** and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Irreconcilable

ἄσπονδος, *aspondos*,

Root: from 1 (as a neg. pref.) and ἄσπονδος *spondê* (*a libation*); without libation,

i.e. without truce, hence admitting of no truce

An outcome of being unforgiving?

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Malicious gossips

Διάβολος, *diabolos*, slanderous, accusing falsely

Lev 19:16 ~'You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; I am the LORD. (NASB)

2 Cor 12:20 For I am afraid that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps *there will be* strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances; (NASB)

Misrepresenting someone's position, or impugning their motives?

Without self-control

ἀκρατής, *akratês*, powerless, impotent

God expects us to be able to control ourselves – speech, anger etc.
Something for which we can ask for help.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Brutal

ἀνήμερος, *anêmeros*

Root: from 1 (as a neg. pref.) and ἀντί, *anti*) and ὑπατος *hêmeros* (*tame*);

Not tame

Haters of good, lit. not loving good

ἀφιλάγαθος, *aphilagathos* - Without love of good

Titus 1:7-9 **7** For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, **8** but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, **9** holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict. (NASB)

Not just trying to accomplish it, but LOVING it

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Treacherous, vs.4

Προδότης, *prodotês*, a betrayer

Acts 7:52 Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become; (NASB)

Such as adultery

Reckless

Προπετής, *propetês*, falling forward, headlong

Webster's II 1) with the head foremost, headfirst, 2) At breakneck speed 3) rashly, impetuously

Acts 19:36-37 **36** So, since these are undeniable facts, you ought to keep calm and to do nothing rash. **37** For you have brought these men *here* who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess. (NASB)

Indicating a lack of love towards others

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Conceited

Τυφώω, *tuphoô*

Root: from phthinopôron *tuphos* (*vanity, arrogance*);
to be conceited, foolish

Conceit – an exaggerated opinion of one’s self, vanity
(Webster’s II)

1 Tim 3:3-6 **4** *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity **5** (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), **6** *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Lovers of pleasure

Φιλήδονος, *philêdonos*, loving pleasure

Phil 3:18-19 **18** For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* enemies of the cross of Christ, **19** whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. (NASB)

Appetite - κοιλία, *koilia*

Root: from κοιλία *koilos* (*hollow*);
belly

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming

Vs.2-5 – Self love, demonstrated as -

Not lovers of God

Φιλόθεος, *philotheos*, loving God

Having God's interests first, before ours

Form of godliness, vs.5

Form - μόρφωσις, *morphôsis*, a forming, a form

Godliness - εὐσέβεια, *eusebeia*, piety

Piety - Devotion to God (Webster's II), reverence towards
God

Denying its power, vs.5

Such as the power of God to preserve His word

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming.

Vs.1-13 – Difficult times coming

Vs.6-7 – People with influence in Christian homes

Vs.6 – Enslaving the weak

Sin is enslavement

Titus 3:3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. (NASB)

Leading to death

1 Tim 5:5-6 But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives. (NASB)

Christians are not bad people, not being judgmental by warning against these things

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming.

Vs.1-13 – Difficult times coming

Vs.6-7 – People with influence in Christian homes

Vs.7 – Never able to come to a knowledge of the truth

Continually teaching matters of trivia

About which foolish speculations and quarrels are made, vs.23-24

23 But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. **24** The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, **25** with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

Repentance is a prerequisite to a knowledge of the truth, vs.25 -> a paradigm shift

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming.

Vs.1-13 – Difficult times coming

Vs.8 – Examples of two men

No one knows – Jannes and Jambres may have been magicians who opposed Moses, making their staffs also “turn” into serpents, Ex.7:11

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 3:10-17 **10** Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, **11** persecutions, *and* sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium *and* at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! **12** Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. **13** But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived. **14** You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, **15** and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming.

Vs.1-13 – Difficult times coming

Vs.10-11 – Paul exhorts them to follow his life, as an example

Paul taught with love and perseverance, despite his persecutions

God had delivered Paul from death many times bringing him through persecution

Vs.12 – All who desire to live godly will receive persecution

1 Thess 3:4 For indeed when we were with you, we *kept* telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know. (NASB)

Vs.13 – Men who've gone bad

Typically, decline in a natural progression to greater degrees of error

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming.

Vs.14-17 – Continue to put trust in the scriptures

Vs.15 – Through the scriptures we learn wisdom

Proverbs

Psalms 119:98-100 **98** Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever mine. **99** I have more insight than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. **100** I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts. (NASB)

Saved by faith, IPet.1:9, Acts 16:31, Heb.11:6, Eph.2:8

As well as grace, blood, calling on the name of the Lord, the Word, works of faith, confession, baptism

Here the Scriptures were the O.T. scriptures

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming.

Vs.14-17 – Trust in the scriptures

Vs.16 – Through the scriptures we can know everything of real importance

2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming.

Vs.14-17 – Trust in the scriptures

Vs.16 – Everything of real importance

Not merely the writings of men

2 Peter 1:20-21 **20** But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, **21** for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

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Vs.16 – Everything of real importance

Not merely the writings of men

1 Cor 2:10-13 **10** For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. **11** For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, **13** which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

3:1-17 - Grievous and ungodly times were coming.

Vs.14-17 – Trust in the scriptures

Vs.16 – Everything of real importance

Final, not to be revised

Gal 1:8-9 **8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! **9** As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! (NASB)

Reliable to the letter

Gal 3:16-17 **16** Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, " And to your seed," that is, Christ. **17** (NASB)

Gen.13:15, 17:8

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 4:1-8 **1** I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **2** preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, **4** and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. **5** But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. **6** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; **8** in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.1-5 – Preach the word

Vs1 – Christ will be our judge

Contemporary saying – “I can take Jesus, but not Paul”

Jesus will be our judge

And has instructed us to follow those He has sent

John 13:**20** Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." (NASB)

John 20:**21** So Jesus said to them again, " Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.1-5 – Preach the word

Preach – κηρύσσω, *kêrussô*, *to be a herald, proclaim*

Jn.12:48 – Preach the word, because it is to be our judge

John 12:48 He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. (NASB)

Jn.1 – Preach Christ, the gospel etc.

ACT 8:35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

PHI 1:17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

PHI 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.1-5 – Preach the word

Be prepared, ready at all times

Acts 8:4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word. (NASB)

When it is convenient or not convenient

when it is popular or unpopular,

when in freedom or under persecution

Like Paul, preach as to the Jews and move on to those who will listen

1 Peter 3:15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.1-5 – Preach the word

Vs.2 – Work of the preacher

Preach

Reprove – ἐλέγχω, *elegchô*, to expose, convict, reprove

Gentle, but stern correction (negative)

Rebuke – ἐπιτιμάω, *epitimaô*, to honor, to mete out due measure, hence *to censure*

Strong correction (negative)

Reprove and/or rebuke out of love and concern for the soul of the one in error

Our first response is to “bristle up” and be defensive

The honest response will then calm down and make the necessary correction to our own life

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.1-5 – Preach the word

Vs.2 – Work of the preacher

Exhort – παρακαλέω, *parakaleô*, to call to or *for*, to *exhort*, to *encourage*

Build up, encourage (positive)

Reproof, rebuking, exhortation all requires patience and longsuffering.

There is always a temptation to give up, to become proud etc.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.1-5 – Preach the word

Vs.3-4 – Reason for preaching, correction and exhortation

Because the nature of men is to serve himself

And surround himself with those who will encourage him to do so

John 3:19-21 **19** This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. **20** For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. **21** But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God." (NASB)

Micah 2:6 ' Do not speak out,' so they speak out. *But if* they do not speak out concerning these things, Reproaches will not be turned back. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.1-5 – Preach the word

Vs.3-4 – Reason for preaching, correction and exhortation

Men will rather put emphasis on that which is a lie, rather than the truth

Jer 5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule on their *own* authority; And My people love it so!
But what will you do at the end of it? (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.1-5 – Preach the word

Vs.3-4 – Reason for preaching, correction and exhortation

Because man is well versed in self distraction

Examples –

Premillennialism

Time and excitement over current events

Rather than teaching what the lost must do to be saved

Activism among churches

Shifting faith away from God

Forgetting the mission statement, Mt.28

Not necessarily evil matters, but can become idols

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.1-5 – Preach the word

Vs.5 – Endure afflictions, hard times etc.

As Christians, and especially a preacher, there will be difficult times

John 21:**19** Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He *said to him, " Follow Me!" (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.6-8 – Paul reflects on his past life and his future life

Vs.6 – Paul knows that he is going to be executed by the Romans

Paul is probably 65-70 years old at this time

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.6-8 – Paul reflects on his past life & future life

Vs.7 – Paul knows that he has fought a good fight

Not that he was perfect, that he never made bad judgments

Our goal in life is to work so that we can look back and say that we have fought a good fight for the Lord

He is about to sacrifice his life to God, referring to a drink offering under the Law of Moses

II Cor. 5:8 – Paul had written about 20 yrs before, that he preferred a physical death and a life with Christ

In Acts, Paul said that he was willing to be bound in Jerusalem and even to die

Phil. 1:20-24 – Paul seemed to look forward to the day of his death

His only motive for living was for the sake of those he would leave behind

Paul had done away with all selfish motives for living.

Paul is about to graduate into eternal life

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:1-8 - Exhorting Timothy to fulfill his ministry

Vs.6-8 – Paul reflects on his past life & future life

Vs.8 – Our goal, the prize, that Paul had long been looking forward to

Notice that Paul has no doubt of his eternal home

He had led a purpose filled life

1 Peter 1:3-4 **3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, (NASB)

John 14:2 In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. (NASB)

The promise is to all who love Christ's appearing

Point – if we aren't ready for Christ, we should get ready, Rev.22:20

Are we looking forward to when Christ comes?

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 4:9-15 **9** Make every effort to come to me soon; **10** for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. **11** Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. **12** But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. **13** When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. **14** Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. **15** Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:9-18 – Personal matters

Vs.9 – Timothy is in Ephesus

Vs.10 – Col.4:14 – Once a faithful companion, Demas has deserted, showing how shallow his faith was

This second imprisonment was far more humiliating than the first, and brought trials that Demas's faith didn't overcome – in contrast to Mark, vs.11

This was a slow deterioration of Demas's values

Going to heaven takes a continual, individual effort

No one can serve two masters, you can't love the world and Christ too

Crescens and Titus were working in other areas

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:9-18 – Personal matters

Vs.11 – In contrast to Demas, Mark has shorn up his faith (Acts 14) and now had to courage to overcome under much worse circumstances

Vs.12 – Tychicus was probably sent to Ephesus to take Timothy's place when he comes to Paul in Rome.

Vs.13 – It is possible that Paul was arrested in Troas, possibly at the house of Carpus

“parchment” could have been the old scriptures, or even letters of the other apostles etc.

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 4:16-18 **16** At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. **17** But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. **18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

2 Tim 4:19-22 **19** Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. **20** Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. **21** Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren. **22** The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. (NASB)

Practical Counsels thru Timothy

4:9-20 – Personal matters

Vs.14-15 – Alexander

Acts 19

Vs.16-18 – Paul gives the Lord credit for being with him and delivering him

Refers to Acts

Vs.19 – Rom.16:3 – Apparently, Prisca and Aquila were in Ephesus at this time

Vs.20 – Trophimus was left sick at Miletus

Notice that the apostles gift of healing could not be used indiscriminately.