

1 Timothy
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I. Introduction

None of those four verbs (*Flee, Follow, Fight and Fasten*) would do Timothy any good if he didn't have the right **FOCUS!** His focus must be obedience to Jesus Christ. One of the biggest problems Christians face in obedience happens when they no longer realize the characteristics of person they are to be obedient too. We simply lose focus on the character and nature our God who we are to honor and be accountable too. There must be in every believer a single-mindedness towards God if we are to live a contented life. Timothy, like us, would be tempted and tested to take his eyes off the Lord, thus the urging of his mentor Paul to (*keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,..*) verse 14.

II. Vs. 13-14 Focused obedience

Vs. 13 Here Paul reminds Timothy of **three truths** with regards to his ***Focused***

Obedience:

- a. ***In the sight of God:*** First, Timothy is reminded as to whom this obedience is aimed, God. Our obedience is to the One that has secured our victory. The soldier that enters the battle must obey to have ANY hope of victory but the

Christian soldier must obey because they have the **CERTAIN outcome of victory, not just the possibility of it.** If we keep our focus on the Lord we will gain the victory no matter what the battle looks like. Thus we understand that the only weapon our enemy has to defeat us is to get us not to obey.

- b. ***Who gives life to all things:*** Second, Timothy is reminded that there is **no short cut**, no way around obedience. God gives life and no one else can do that, if you want life then you will have to obey even if it means your death.
- c. ***Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate:***
Finally, Timothy is reminded that there is **no second place**, there is no white flag surrender no compromise in our obedience. Jesus was obedience to the very end, all He needed to do to save his life was say, that the religious leaders misunderstood Him and that He wasn't the Son of God. Since the outcome is certain the no cost is too great as the only thing that can happen that would cause us not to experience the outcome is to not to obey!

Vs. 14 Knowing the above three truths with regards to “***Focused Obedience***” Paul give Timothy **three keys to obedience:**

- a. ***Without spot:*** Simply put Timothy's obedience couldn't be “***spotty***” he couldn't expect the victory with spotty obedience. His sacrifice needed to be **CLEAN.**
- b. ***Blameless:*** Second it needed to be **CONSISTANT**, which was towards the Lord not to be seen by men. The consistency needed to be in every area of his life not just some areas.

- c. ***Until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing***: Finally it need to be **CONTINUAL** not just for a time but until the Lord returned.

Paul pulls back the curtains to reveal the majesty of Jesus so that what we appreciate of the riches will forever be attached to the person of our Lord. Paul reveals to Timothy **3 truths regarding Jesus**.

1. Vs. 13a ***Giver of life***: The first thing Paul reveals is that God is the “*giver of life*”. To those of us who get beat down and are in need of life we only need to remember that God is the giver of life. Have you come to the place you can't go on, not one more step? Well great news God will give you His strength, He will renew you to keep going forward.
2. Vs. 13b ***Sustainer of truth***: Jesus “*confession*” was nothing more than agreeing with Pontius Pilate's confession which if denied would have spare Jesus' earthly life. That's what obedience is, by our obedience we are revealing whether we believe that Jesus is who He claimed to be. There will be times in our life where the expedient thing for us to do is denying the truth about the Word of God but remember Jesus who spoke the truth even to his own destruction, what a great example we have in Jesus.
3. Vs. 14 ***Returning Messiah***: As we recall this truth about our Jesus we are reminded that this chaotic world, where everything seems to be against us has been defeated by our soon returning Jesus. The commandment that we are to keep is the same one that Jesus gave just before His death in the upper room, “*Love one another*”. Sometimes we behave as if we are living in eternity, but Paul reminds Timothy that it is the here and now that is ending. Ray Stedman

put it this way, “*The One who was here in weakness is coming again in great strength and will fill the horizon of life.*”

III. Vs. 14-16 Meet your Majesty

One of the biggest problems Christians face in obedience happens when they no longer realize the characteristics of person they are to be obedient too. We simply lose focus on the character and nature our God who we are to honor and be accountable too. Paul lists 3 more truths concerning Jesus:

1. Vs. 15a ***Only Potentate***: He is the One who alone has all power and strength, who rules over the universe from an occupied throne in heaven.
2. Vs. 15b ***King of kings and Lord of lords***: The seeming majesty of any other ruler through time pales in comparison to the splendor and greatness of Jesus. With all the world’s armies, terror attacks, political injustice going on in the world today this verse reminds us who really has all the power. Knowing this brings to us security and peace even in the most troubling of times.
3. Vs. 16 ***Unique in Majesty***: Finally Paul reveal to Timothy that Jesus has **three attributes that are Unique to Jesus which makes Him one of a kind**:
 - a. Vs. 16a ***Alone has immortality***: This is the immortality that says that He has always been and always will be. That means there can never be any surprises, no “*never saw that coming*” experiences. He can never be defeated and this is what was behind Paul’s words in Romans where he said, “*O death where is your sting, where is your victory?*”

b. Vs. 16b ***Dwelling in unapproachable light***: Jesus is 100% perfect in every way and can never do wrong. He will not be judged but will be the only Judge, the standard by which all others will be judged. Paul is revealing that there will never another person or truth that will supplant Jesus as He is dwelling in unapproachable light. You don't have a savior who can only save in certain circumstances, you have in Jesus the very one that spoke light into being dwells in unapproachable light.

c. Vs. 16c ***To whom be honor and everlasting power***: The invisible God became a visible Man so that He could suffer all the same sufferings as we do, experience all the disappointments we do in life and yet conquer them on our behalf enabling us to be more than conquerors in Christ. Jesus hasn't lost a step, He isn't less of God because He became a man, He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Saints a lot of our problems stem for us failing to recognize just who it is we have trusted in. This problem, that issue, these unsurmountable odds would be overwhelming if our Jesus was just an ordinary man, some mere prophet or religious teacher who got swept away in political intrigue of the day. But dear ones that is not who our Jesus is, so take a deep breath put on a smile because he is Mighty to save!