



Disciples Making Disciples—PART I (II

Timothy 2:1-13)

Spiritual Order

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II Timothy 2:1-7 NKJV

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☑ **The Grace that is in Christ**

☑ **Grace:** the supernatural empowerment of God. I love how pastor Manny says it; “We are meant to live supernatural lives, not superficial lives.”

☑ What is available to you and what will you do with it?

☑ **The Grace that is in Christ:** “...*the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ **when He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*”
Ephesians 1:19-20 NKJV

☑ **The Grace that is in you:** “*Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, **that it may impart grace to the hearers.***”
Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

☑ **His Ambassadors:** “*Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has **given us the ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and **has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*** Now then, **we are**

ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II Corinthians 5:18-21
NKJV

☑ **Commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also!**

- ☑ This is the crux of the matter, the calling on all Christians! Become a disciple! And yet there is this ultimate requirement of the disciple; all you have learned, all you have become and all that you will become, pass this on to others in such a way that they can do the same for others who will then repeat the pattern. **A true disciple is a disciple who can make disciples who makes disciples!**

☑ **Y'shua said it like this:**

- ☑ **Forsake all:** *"So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."* Luke 14:33 NKJV (See Luke 14:25-35)

- ☑ **Go therefore:** *"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and*

*of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*
Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

- ☑ *“You therefore must **endure hardship as a good soldier** of Jesus Christ. **No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life**, that he may **please him who enlisted him as a soldier.**” II Timothy 2:3-4 NKJV*

☑ **A Good Soldier**

- ☑ A soldier is enlisted into the military and in that moment his entire allegiance is sealed. His mission is simple; uphold and protect all that is valuable to his governing authority. As a soldier in the army of God, your allegiance is now to the Government of God, the Kingdom of Heaven. You must lose your allegiance to any other master, influence, or authority!

- ☑ **You are not you're own:** *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own? For you were bought at a price;** therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*
I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV

- ☑ **It is no longer I who live:** *“I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”* Galatians 2:20 NKJV
- ☑ **Entangled with the Affairs of Life!**
- ☑ It is so easy to get distracted by the things around you, the necessary affairs of life. Even the good things are not so good when they draw your attention away from the true source of all things. It is contrary to human nature to surrender your cares of the world, and more so to surrender your desire to sin, to go back to that well of death, the vomit of your past. But this is the unalterable assignment for every believer!
- ☑ **Do not become enticed by sin:** *“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”* Hebrews 12:1 NKJV
- ☑ **Your past was a life of dissipation; leave it in the past:** *“For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—**when we walked in** lewdness,*

*lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think **it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation**, speaking evil of you.” I Peter 4:3-4 NKJV*

- ☑ **Warning—if you engage in your past sins to the point of being trapped in them, the end result will be devastating!** *“For if, after they have **escaped the pollutions of the world** through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they **are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.**” II Peter 2:20 NKJV*

- ☑ **You are better off having never known the truth!**
*“For **it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment** delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”” II Peter 2:21-22 NKJV*

☑ **Who do you please?**

- ☑ **Do everything with this one thing in mind—Yahweh!**
Your pay for services and retirement benefits are

exponential! *“And whatever you do, **do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men**, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”* Colossians 3:23-24 NKJV

- ☑ **The Gentiles concern themselves with the affairs of this world; your job as a soldier is to seek the orders of THE COMMANDING OFFICER of the Government of Heaven:** *““Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **For after all these things the Gentiles seek.** For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”* Matthew 6:31-33 NKJV

- ☑ *“And also if anyone **competes in athletics**, he is not **crowned** unless he **competes according to the rules**. The hardworking **farmer must be first to partake of the crops**. **Consider** what I say, and **may the Lord give you understanding in all things.**”* II Timothy 2:5-7 NKJV

☑ **Rule of Engagement**

- ☑ Athletes only win if they follow the rules. We are governed by the laws of heaven and any tactics to win

outside of those parameters will never yield true victory. It is as simple as this; in all things and at all times, the first question to ask and answer is this; “What does God think about this?” And when we have His answer, that is how we proceed. It’s that simple.

☑ **Peter said it perfectly:** *“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue**, to virtue knowledge,”* II Peter 1:5 NKJV

☑ To your faith add first what is morally excellent to God. From there all else follows. Do so and you will never miss the mark. Get that first step wrong and everything else that follows has NO SHOT at being pleasing to God! As such, it is critical and without exception that you get the first step right. “God, what do you think about this—and then follow His marching orders!

☑ **The Promise**

☑ A hardworking farmer is the first to partake of the fruit of his labor! Translation: those who seek first the Kingdom as soldiers for God get paid first!

Rest in this: God Always Does what He Promises

“Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was **raised from the dead according to my gospel**, for which **I suffer trouble** as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. **Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect**, that they also may **obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory**. This is a faithful saying: For **if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.**” II Timothy 2:8-13 NKJV

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☑ The Price to Pay

☑ You will suffer for the sake the elect. Are you in? Your good will be thought of as evil. Are you okay with that?

☑ Y'shua said it this way: *“‘If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.”*
John 15:18-21 NKJV

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☑ **If we die with Him, we shall also live with Him!**

☑ It's a simple formula, simple but not easy. Just give up this life, surrender it to Him and you will have the life of your dreams. Oh, and it will start right now; you don't have to wait for eternity! *“Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,*

and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.” Luke 9:23-24 NKJV

☑ **Paul gave us this little gem in his first letter to Timothy:** *“For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”* 1 Timothy 4:8 NKJV

☑ **Stop trying to preserve this life; it will all be a loss in the end! The life you really want will be gained when you surrender this life.** *“Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.”* Luke 17:33 NKJV

☑ **If we endure with Him, we shall reign with Him!**

☑ **Those who endure to the end:** *“But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”* Matthew 24:13-14 NKJV

☑ **Persecution Connection—even if you do not die for your faith, it is all worth it!** *“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the*

genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love.

Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.” I Peter 1:6-9 NKJV

- ☑ **Prophetic Gem—it does not matter even if you literally die for your faith. As a matter of fact, in the end, those who do have the GREATEST REWARD!** *“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. **Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God**, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. **And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.** This is the first resurrection. **Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection.** Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ,*

and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” Revelation 20:4-6 NKJV

☑ **If we deny Him, He will deny us!**

- ☑ **Do not be shy. Speak the truth about who He is before mankind!** *“Therefore **whoever confesses Me before men**, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But **whoever denies Me before men**, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. “**Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.** For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.” Matthew 10:32-39 NKJV*

☑ **He remains faithful even when we lose faith!**

- ☑ He will finish what He started!
- ☑ **Author and Finisher:** *“looking unto Jesus, **the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set*

before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

☑ **What He has begun in you, He will complete!** *“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, **being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ;”* Philippians 1:3-6 NKJV

☑ **He cannot deny what He came to do!**

☑ **If God says it, it is so. If God has blessed it, it is blessed:** *““**God is not a man, that He should lie,** Nor a son of man, that He should repent. **Has He said, and will He not do?** Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? **Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.**”* Numbers 23:19-20 NKJV

☑ **Man lies; God does not!** *“Certainly not! Indeed, **let God be true but every man a liar.** As it is written: “That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged.””* Romans 3:4 NKJV

Disciples Making Disciples—PART II (II

Timothy 2:14-26)

Rightly Dividing the Word of TRUTH!

“Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”” II





Timothy 2:14-19 NKJV

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Words with no Profit

-  We are reminded (like in his first letter to Timothy) of the main reason Paul left Timothy in Ephesus.
-  *"As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they **teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes** rather than godly edification which is in faith."* I Timothy 1:3-4 NKJV
-  When you argue about meaningless dribble, it edifies no one. And worse than that, those who are new to the faith, or on the cusp of coming to the faith, are deterred. It does not help build them up, but rather slows them down.
-  This does NOT mean you are to overlook bad doctrine in the Church. To the contrary, we must be sharp and on the lookout for bad doctrine, as bad doctrine is even more dangerous than "idle words." Why? Because the damage inflicted by bad doctrine produces unbelievers who believe they are believers! Let's meditate on this.

Ruining the Hearers

-  Woe to those ruin the people with their words:

☑ *““But whoever causes one of these **little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed,** rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—” Mark 9:42-43 NKJV*

☑ *““Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you **travel land and sea to win one proselyte,** and when he is won, **you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.**” Matthew 23:15 NKJV*

☑ **Present Yourself Approved by God**

☑ I do not think it gets anymore basic than this! There is a way to be and things to do. And there is a way NOT TO BE! *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2 NKJV*

☑ **A Bold Worker (no shame)**

☑ *“For **I am not ashamed** of the gospel of Christ, for it is **the power of God** to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For **in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith;** as it*

is written, "The just shall live by faith." Romans 1:16-17 NKJV

☑ "Let us therefore **come boldly** to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and **find grace to help** in time of need." Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

☑ "Watch, **stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.**" I Corinthians 16:13 NKJV

☑ "Therefore, since we have such hope, **we use great boldness of speech**—" II Corinthians 3:12 NKJV

☑ **Rightly Dividing the Word!**

☑ Again, this is beyond radically important! Bad doctrine is worse than bad! We have descended into a world in which the "church" or those representing the "Church" have crafted a doctrine that promotes self and self-gain. You can see it all around us. They've perverted the simple Gospel of salvation (Christ crucified) into a large self-help, personal-development organization. Instead of "Welcome to the team, it's time to die to everything you used to be," we get, "Now that you are a Christian, it's all about you and what you can get from God."

☑ And besides mashing to pieces the truth of what it means to be born-again, man's version of church can possibly distinguish the Gospel of the Kingdom, what it looks like

when there power of God is fully manifesting in
humanity and Christians really look like Christ!

- ☑ *“But **shun profane and idle babblings**, for they will **increase to more ungodliness**. And their **message will spread like cancer**. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have **strayed concerning the truth**, saying that the **resurrection is already past**; and they **overthrow the faith of some**.” II Timothy 2:16-18 NKJV*

- ☑ **Profane and Idle Babblings**

- ☑ **Godliness:** wholistic spiritual integrity—when your spirit, soul and body (your triune being) are in perfect alignment with the will of Yahweh!
- ☑ **Ungodliness:** when you are so consumed with things (in any category of your triune being) outside the will of God, that the imbalance manifests as more and more carnal! The “subluxated” (a chiropractic term meaning out of alignment such that your nervous system is misfiring to various parts of the body)— the subluxated human has all if his energy diverted to the parts that are overly accentuated, oftentimes to satisfy the insatiable desire to satisfy self!

- ☑ **Spread like Cancer**

☑ This imbalance multiplies wildly. Cancer is a condition characterized by cells that first mutate from their original form, just a bit, in order to “please themselves.” They want the body’s resources while at the same time not wishing to contribute to the body’s intended function. This starts with a little selfishness as the cell takes some for itself and give most back to the body. However, this process continues to spin out of control as the cell becomes more and more mutated (selfish) as it races to reach its total transformation. The state at which it steals all the body’s resources and contributes nothing to the body’s well-being! Welcome to ungodliness!

☑ **Men who Stray from the Truth**

☑ **Example: The resurrection already occurred?** Promises were made. We are promised to literally resurrect with Christ, and we can see what that process looks like if we read 1 Corinthians 15. But if we claim that has already happened, and those listening are thinking, “If that is the case, what happened to me?” Then they can easily feel defeated!

☑ Overthrows Faith, why? Can you see how if we are fed bad doctrine it can plant seeds of doubt and

hopelessness? This is another reason why excellent doctrine is so important!

☑ **Bonus: the danger of bad doctrine!**


☑ *“But you do not have **His word abiding in you**, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. **You search the Scriptures**, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. **But you are not willing to come to Me** that you may have life. “I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; **if another comes in his own name, him you will receive**. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?**”” John 5:38-47 NKJV*


☑ *“Nevertheless the **solid foundation** of God stands, having this seal: **“The Lord knows those who are His,”** and, **“Let everyone***

who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”” ||

Timothy 2:19 NKJV

The Solid Foundation

 **“The Lord knows those who are His.”** *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one.”* John 10:27-30 NKJV

 **“Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”** *“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose** the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. **Whoever has been born of God does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; **and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.**”* I John 3:8-9 NKJV

Changing Vessels

“But in a great house there are not only **vessels of gold and silver**, but also of **wood and clay**, some for **honor** and some for **dishonor**. Therefore if anyone **cleanses himself from the latter**, he will be a **vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for**

every good work. Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue **righteousness**, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But **avoid foolish and ignorant disputes**, knowing that they generate strife. And a **servant of the Lord** must **not quarrel** but be **gentle** to all, **able to teach**, **patient**, in **humility** **correcting those who are in opposition**, if God perhaps will grant them **repentance**, so that they may know the truth, and that they may **come to their senses** and **escape the snare of the devil**, having **been taken captive by him to do his will.**" II Timothy 2:20-26 NKJV

Scripture 1:26-50

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☑ Different Vessels

☑ **Gold and Silver (honor) vs. Wood and Clay (dishonor):**
*"For **we are God's fellow workers**; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each*

*one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it,** because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, **he will receive a reward.** If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, **yet so as through fire.**"* 1

Corinthians 3:9-15 NKJV

Cleanse Yourself from Dishonor, Choose Honor

-  **Sanctified:** Once you are born again, you are pure in God's eyes. However, that is when you begin the process of stripping off every remnant of the old you and putting of Christ as your new garment. Rid yourself of all sins—that is the process of sanctification!
-  Useful and Prepared for **every good work:** (see [Alter Ego](#))
-  *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God*

prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV

- ☑ *"**Flee** also **youthful lusts**; but **pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace** with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But **avoid foolish and ignorant disputes**, knowing that they generate strife." II Timothy 2:22-23 NKJV*

☑ **Flee**

- ☑ Don't become entangles again in youthful Lusts:
 - ☑ *"For if, **after they have escaped** the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are **again entangled** in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them." II Peter 2:20-21 NKJV*
 - ☑ *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin **which so easily ensnares us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," Hebrews 12:1 NKJV*

☑ **Pursue:**

- ☑ **Righteousness:** Right standing with God. Doing what is right (practical righteousness) because God already sees you as righteous (imparted righteousness).
- ☑ **Faith:** Without faith you cannot please God (Hebrews 11:6)
- ☑ **Love:** God is love (1 John 4:16) and the greatest thing is love (I Corinthians 13:13)!
- ☑ **Peace:** “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and **the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding**, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV
- ☑ **Avoid**
 - ☑ **Foolish and Ignorant Disputes:** We have covered this already above! They produce nothing good and actually deter others from what is truly important!
- ☑ *“And a **servant of the Lord** must **not quarrel** but **be gentle** to all, **able to teach, patient, in humility correcting** those who are in opposition, if God **perhaps** will **grant them repentance**, so that they may **know the truth**, and that **they may come to their senses** and **escape the snare of the devil**, having been taken captive by him to do his will.” II Timothy 2:24-26 NKJV*

☑ A Servant of the Lord

- ☑ **Do Not Quarrel:** arguing about trivial issues in contrast to insisting on good doctrine!
- ☑ **Be Gentle:** Aggressive behavior gets you nowhere. No one cares what you think unless they think you care what they think! Ask questions before you decide to insert your solution. You won't know what to solve if you don't know what the problem is!
- ☑ **Be Capable of Teaching:** We are back to the beginning of this chapter and the namesake of this sermon! It's one thing to know a thing; it's altogether different to be able to share that thing in a way that it is received as such, and the one receiving it is also capable of passing it along to the next.
- ☑ *"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." II Timothy 2:2 NKJV*
- ☑ **Be Patient:** Time is a virtue! In other words, remember it took time for you to come to an understanding of what you know. How much time? As much as it takes!
- ☑ **Learn to Humbly Correct the Opposition:** If you care more about others and their growth, and less about being right, your instruction will be well-received! This should

be easy to do when you remember—*“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”* Galatians 2:20 NKJV

Repentance

 **Know the Truth:** Y’shua is the truth (John 14:6).

Repentance means to “turn toward God.” As such you naturally turn away from sin

 **Come to their Senses:** realize they need Y’shua

 **Escape the Snare of the Devil (captivity to his will):**

*“Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed **with humility**, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**”* I Peter 5:5-8 NKJV

NEXT TEACHING

A Form of Godliness (II Timothy 3:1-17)