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PREFACE

Welcome to the discipleship / leadership series. These little booklets were designed to give basic information concerning various topics about our Christian faith in Christ Jesus.

The purpose of this series is to stimulate thought and to foster a clearer understanding of discipleship and servant leadership. These booklets can be used as a discussion tool for personal study, family devotion, youth meetings or in cell groups. Our hope is that this information will stir the readers and encourage them to go deeper into personal research and study.

Our desire is that these booklets will be a blessing to the reader and a tool that can be shared with others as a gift of encouragement.

Please feel free to mail or e-mail us for more copies or to just write to us with any feedback concerning the content of these studies. We hope you enjoy this offering of knowledge and experience. We pray that Christ will draw you into an ever deeper personal relationship with Himself as you study.

Your servants in Christ,

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INTRODUCTION

The teacher's goal should be to pass on information that will help the student both in understanding concerning life and in their walk with Christ. A teacher becomes a conduit for the student, a walking dictionary and encyclopedia to the people that they are training.

We could define a "teacher" as, educator, tutor, instructor, coach, trainer, lecturer, professor etc. We see that these are all people who are used to give information and guidance to others.

If we were to make an acrostic of what some of these characteristics and goals of teachers, it might look like this:

T = teach or train
E = encourage
A = accountability
C = courage, conviction, connection, communication
H = harvest
E = equip
R = relationship
S = Scripture

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Scripture: II Timothy 3:10 to 4:5

*3:10 But you followed my **teaching**, conduct purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, ¹¹persecutions, 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! ¹²Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴You, however, continue in the things you have **learned** and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have **learned** them, ¹⁵and 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. ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for **teaching**, for reproof, for correction, for **training** in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 4:1 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: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and **instruction**. ³For 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, ⁴and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, be*

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sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of and evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Background on Paul and Timothy:

Paul:

- Saul to Paul (name change) Acts 8:1
- Paul was not one of the twelve Apostles
- Pharisee, he was very highly educated and knew the Old Testament very well.
- persecuted the church, was at Stephen death
- conversion Acts 9:1
- three years in wilderness
- brought by Barnabas to Antioch
- went on 4 missionary journeys
- last days possible in Rome or Spain

Timothy:

- Father was a Greek
- Mother a Jew
- Grandmother and mother were believers
- Timothy was well trained by them and by Paul. II Timothy 1:5 & 3:15
- Paul thought of him as a son and fellow worker
- Paul named him as co-sender of 6 letters:
 - II Corinthians
 - Colossians
 - Philemon
 - Philippians
 - I & II Thessalonians

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- Timothy also was jailed for a period of time, Hebrews 13:23

Background:

II Timothy, book overview

Timothy was:

- exhorted to guard the Gospel 1:14
- exhorted to preserve the Gospel 3:14
- exhorted to keep preaching the Gospel 4:2
- exhorted to if necessary, suffer for the Gospel sake 1:8, 23

I Teacher as the Leader 3:10

The world is crying out for leaders and leadership. We may not become a world leader but we will be a teacher and leader in our place of living. As leaders we teach both formally and informally and what we do does impact other people. People are spoken of in the Bible as sheep and sheep love to follow other sheep and sometimes their shepherds. A teacher is one who God uses to lead others to a better and safer place, where they can feed and rest.

Key Verse 3:10:

*But you followed my **teaching**, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance.*

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Key Word: leader
follow

Definitions:

Leader: the person who leads or commands a group, organization, or country. *Synonym:* chairman, chairwoman, chairperson, chair, convener, moderator, director, managing director, pioneer, front runner, innovator, trailblazer, pathfinder, ground-breaker, trendsetter, torch-bearer, pacemaker, originator, initiator, developer, discoverer, founder.

Follow: go or come after (following a person or thing that is proceeding ahead), move or travel behind, come after in time or order. *Synonym:* come behind, come after, go behind, go after, walk behind, tread on the heels of, accompany, go along with, go around with, travel with, escort, attend, trail, abide by, adhere to, stick to, keep to, comply with, conform to, obey, observe, heed, pay attention to, note, have regard to, mind, bear in mind, take to heart, be guided by, accept, yield to, defer to, respect.

Insights:

We must realize that all leader / teachers are influencers. We can influence both in a negative way and in a positive way. We are also history makers touching people's lives for change. We are leader / teachers who are equipping some to be teachers and leaders also for the future. Paul encourages Timothy to follow him

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as he also followed Christ Jesus. We are Christ's hands and feet. We are given treasures from God who has entrusted us with the task of teaching them about eternal things and we are guiding them on how they should live here on earth.

- People or students will follow something or someone.
- leaders are to be an example to all at all times.
- leaders have to watched their conduct (action).
- leaders have to be a teacher of purpose.
- leaders have to be a teacher of faith.
- leaders have to be a teacher who is patient.
- leaders have to be a teacher who loves others.
- leaders have to be a leader who has perseverance.
- leaders have to be one who learns and studies, so he can show others the way.

Timothy as Paul's apprentice:

Watch how:

Know what:

- * The above list is no different for a leader or for the teacher.

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The key to being a teacher is to watch and know what the needs of your student may be. For the leader they are to also know the need of what the people who are following them are.

Related Scriptures:

Psalm 23:2-3 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He **leads** me beside quiet waters. ³ He restores my soul; He **guides** me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Psalm 25:5 **Lead** me in Your truth and **teach** me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

Psalm 31:3 For You are my rock and my fortress; For Your name's sake You will **lead** me and **guide** me.

Matthew 4:9 And He said to them, “**Follow Me**, and I will make you fishers of men,”

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!**”

II Thessalonians 3:9 not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would **follow** our example.