

Paul's Pastoral Concern for Encouragement



1 Timothy 4:13

Introduction

- Observations on NT Scriptures
- Expanded vocabulary
- “On a Barnabas Journey of Service”
- Theme for this year
- One specific encouragement this upcoming week!



Encouragement to Teach

- **Command/announce & teach**
- **These things?**
- **Eschew irreverent, silly myths**
- **train yourself for godliness**
- **to this end we toil and strive**
- **1 Timothy 6:2 Teach and encourage!**



Encouragement to Be An Example

- Let no one despise you for your youth
- Set the believers and example...
- ...In speech
- ...In conduct
- ...In love
- ...In faith
- ...In purity



Encouragement Not to Neglect Your Gift

- Neglect is easy
- Neglect is the opposite of commitment
- Neglect leads to ruin
- Don't be negligent of the gift "in you"
- Elders laid hands on you
- Charismata--for the congregation
- public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching



Encouragement to Progress

- All may see
- Ponder/meditate on these things
- Immerse/be absorbed in these things
- Philippians 1:12 progress of the gospel
- Philippians 1:25 their progress and joy
- With all of our focus, and with everything we have we encourage others to progress!



Encouragement to Keep a Close Watch

- Close watch on yourself
- Close watch on the teaching
- Persist/remain in this
- Save yourself (1 Corinthians 9:27)
- Save your hearers



Conclusion

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- To Teach
- To be an Example
- To NOT neglect your gift
- To Progress
- To Keep a Close Watch

