

The background image is a dark, atmospheric photograph of a shipwreck. A large, weathered wooden ship is partially submerged and tilted at a steep angle, its hull and superstructure visible above the dark, choppy water. The sky is a deep, ominous purple and grey, with several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. The overall mood is one of danger, peril, and divine judgment.

Don't Shipwreck Your Faith

1 Tim. 1:18-20

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¹⁸ Timothy, my son, I am giving you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies previously made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹ having faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and have shipwrecked the faith. ²⁰ Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

Don't Shipwreck Your Faith!

**In a day that teaches us to deny personal responsibility and become a “victim”,
God's Word can be sobering!**

**Nations are responsible for their actions.
Individuals are responsible for their actions.**

**You and I are responsible for our actions!
God holds us accountable even if no one else does!**

1. Examples who shipwrecked their faith, v. 20

- They “rejected” (to push back; to drive away) *“faith and a good conscience”*, v. 19.
- Hymenaeus –was a teacher who *“departed from the truth”* and was *“ruining”* the faith of some (2 Tim. 2 17,18), like gangrene or a cancer.
- Alexander – *“harmed Paul”* and *“opposed”* Paul’s teaching (2 Tim. 4:14-15)

2. Lessons we can learn, if we will!

- Shipwrecks don't happen by accident!
(careless; casual; complacent; overconfident; compromised) v. 19 “*having faith*” – holding on
- Shipwrecks impact a lot of people.
(Like a stone thrown into a pond.)
- Shipwrecks can usually be prevented.
By Accountability; Caution; doing the little things.

2. Lessons we can learn, if we will!

- False teaching & teachers must be confronted, v. 20
1 Cor. 5:1-5; Rev. 2:20-21

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brothers & sisters, to watch out for those who create divisions & obstacles contrary to the teaching that you learned. Avoid them, ¹⁸ because such people do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites. They deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting with smooth talk & flattering words. Rom. 16:17-18



Its Decision Time for You...

Will you take the necessary precautions to avoid a shipwreck now and for all eternity?

If you have never accepted Jesus as your Lord & Savior... Today is the day of salvation!

If you have been casual, complacent and lukewarm in your walk with God... Repent; get back into the fight of faith!