Mat 130

The perseverance of Paul

We will pick it back up in 1Tim chapter 4.

Keep Beth in prayer…Cameron.

REBOUND

Being a Pastor-teacher is not an emotional rollercoaster of messages and life stories that fly off the top of your head…it is not a weekly schedule of visiting congregation members and allotting time for single counseling and group therapy…it is nothing to do with any of that.

It is a diligent, deep dive into scripture and then feeding your flock that message.

TLJC told Peter if you love ME you will feed my sheep…if you love ME you will tend my flock.

That is the calling of the pastor.

It is a spiritual gift that can not be bought or forced… it is a gift God gives certain men. Remember what the Apostle Paul told Timothy from our last lesson;

[/1Ti 4:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1ti/4/14/s_1123014) Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by **the presbytery**.\

PRESS-BO-TEAR-EE-ON

Is a Greek term for a church elder or a leader in the local church assembly.

Sometimes used to describe the leadership in groups like the Jewish Sanhedrin or a Christian gathering pointing out those who were either leaders or the oldest of the group.

So, this is a pretty interchangeable term for deacons or church leaders and often used for a pastor.

This points to the necessity of having men in leadership ordain or lay hands on those in line for leadership roles.

This supports what I have taught about having vetted witnesses and a testing period for men to become church leaders.

[/1Ti 4:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1ti/4/15/s_1123015) **Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them**, so that your progress will be evident to all.\

This is not a bunch of fluff that a pastor should be teaching…take pains… be absorbed in your study Timothy!

ELABORATE

Pains is that word MEL-AH-TA-HO this is an exhaustive practice or repetition over and over again.

As I covered last lesson it would be what a professional athlete is expected to do to become a champion!

Practice…repetition and exhausting yourself in your craft.

To be absorbed means completely focused….think about these definitions…that is the job of the pastor!

[/1Ti 4:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1ti/4/16/s_1123016) Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this **you will ensure salvation** (*sōzō*) both for yourself and for those **who hear** (*akouō*) you.\

SO-ZO is a Greek verb used to be saved from destruction and most of the time we see salvation as we know it.

Faith alone in Christ alone…but there are scriptures that use SO-ZO in the sense of helping someone who is in trouble or saving someone from disaster. Also used in a medical sense that you heal someone from an ailment. REPEAT

And the congregation is told to hear….those who hear you Timothy.

That word AH-COO-OH means not just hear but sit under a teacher or to gain deep insight from instruction.

Turn to 2Timothy chapter two with me.

You do not gain deep insight or knowledge by hearing something once or twice or just a brief hearing but you gain this knowledge and insight with study…repetition.

/The Pastor is told to repetitively study and prepare himself for teaching, it is a labor and effort that is equivalent to what an athlete or soldier does in the sense of training. It is described as a masculine role (Deacon as well), a role of respect, honor and authority which calls for greater expectation upon that man under God’s plan.\ REPEAT

2Ti 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

/[2Ti 2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/2/s_1127002) The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach** others also.\

All Pastors have a responsibility to help bring up the next generation of teachers and also help teach deacons and evangelist to prepare for their roles as well. ELABORATE

/[2Ti 2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/3/s_1127003) **Suffer hardship** with *me,* as a good **soldier of Christ Jesus**. 4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.\

A soldier has a job…an area of military specialty … MOS, truck driver, medic or infantry man it doesn’t matter his main focus is to be prepared for that role when he is placed in combat.

ELABORATE (pastor - everyday affairs is the nonsense in the cosmic system and other things that distract from study & teach.)

[2Ti 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/5/s_1127005) Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

The athlete in the ancient world would train for ten months out of the year to prepare for the games.

No drinking or fatty foods…abstain from sexual activity and focus on honing your body and skill set for the competition.

The man or woman who wants to grow to SM in the plan of God should take it serious…for the leadership roles in the church even more so!

[2Ti 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/6/s_1127006) The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.

Notice it is a hard-working farmer who gets to reap a reward meaning the pastor should have a financial benefit from his hard work as any person who dedicates themselves to a craft should receive.

2Ti 2:7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

JUMP DOWN FEW VERSES

/2Ti 2:12 **If we endure**, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; 13 **If we are faithless**, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.\

IF is in the first class condition here for both scriptures meaning that - IF and we do in other words … it is true…many will deny HIM….TLJC will deny us crowns , blessings and rewards in time and in eternity….but verse 13 ensures are salvation.

Notice also what does it take? ENDURANCE- perseverance!

Verse 12 speaks to reigning and ruling with TLJC this is set for Bels who have achieved higher goals than just salvation.

/2Ti 2:14 **Remind *them* of these things**, and **solemnly charge** *them* in the presence of God **not to wrangle about words**, which is useless *and leads* to the ruin of the hearers.\

In the original Greek this is written like a command or an oath in front of God…a very serious statement.

To wrangle about words is the term LOGO-MY-HEY-OH meaning having a negative or combative attitude about learning BD…those who try and pick apart and disagree with the teaching of the word.

ELABORATE - it is ok to question…. not disrespect!

Then Paul puts the whole job of pastor teacher on the line in one statement.

/[2Ti 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/15/s_1127015) **Be diligent** to present yourself approved to God **as a workman** (*ergatēs*) who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling** the word of truth.\

AIR-GOT-TAS is the Greek masculine noun for a laborer one who works hard till sweat comes from his brow.

The term the Apostle Paul wants to use here is a teacher or instructor but he means not an average teacher but one who labors hard over his craft.

[2Ti 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/16/s_1127016) But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,

Worldly opinions…worldly teaching.

[2Ti 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/17/s_1127017) and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, FII-LEE-TUS

The Amplified Bible says it will turn into a cancer and devour them.

Both these men had disagreed with Timothy at Ephesus where Timothy had a church but now it was splintered off into smaller study groups and they were teaching false doctrine about the Rapture and end times…they had added in aspects of Judaism as well.

Timothy had already faced some obstacles and failure and Paul was propping him back up again.

/[2Ti 2:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/18/s_1127018)***men* who have gone astray from the truth** saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.\

This is very common today…

it is how we have so many denominations and variations of belief systems. Only one can be true….the one that needs no other label but Christianity.

/[2Ti 2:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/19/s_1127019) Nevertheless**, the firm foundation of God stands**, having this seal, “**The Lord knows those who are His**,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.”\

Notice God allows the nonsense and false teachers…He didn’t put a stop to back then …because God respects free will!

SAME TODAY!

/2Ti 2:20 Now **in a large house** there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor.\

This large house speaks to those who fall under the umbrella of Bels or at least they claim to be Christians…it is a large house but not all involved are Bels…some are Unbels and others are Bels who preach and follow false doctrine…vessels for dishonor.

Vessels of gold & silver are SM Bels teaching and following BD and the wooden vessels are the earthen vessels who are caught up with the secular teaching and false doctrines.

/[2Ti 2:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/21/s_1127021) Therefore, **if anyone cleanses himself** from these *things,* he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.\

3rd class condition…IF - maybe they will maybe they won’t. This speaks to washing ourselves clean of not only sin but to purge that mental attitude from false doctrines.

[2Ti 2:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/22/s_1127022) Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

[2Ti 2:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/23/s_1127023) But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.

Paul is still teaching Timothy concepts of leadership for the role of pastor-teacher.

/[2Ti 2:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/24/s_1127024) The Lord’s **bond-servant** must **not be quarrelsome**, but **be kind** to all, **able to teach**, **patient** when wronged, 25 with **gentleness correcting** those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,\

These are good solid qualities for the pastor or any church leadership role.

The pastor should not be too passive or hyper sensitive but operate from strength and compassion…a balance!

Sometimes a Pastor is firm and disciplines and other times he is very flexible and gentle but always done with grace & compassion.

Because you want to lead people away from the grips of cosmic viewpoint…

[2Ti 2:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/2/26/s_1127026) and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Flip ahead to chapter 3 of 2Timothy.

The Apostle Paul warns Timothy that the world and those consumed by it will become more violent and more selfish and more attracted to false teaching and secular viewpoint.

/2Ti 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so **these *men* also oppose the truth**, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.\

Jannes and Jambres were two of the Egyptian magicians who pulled off demonic false miracles.

Remember Paul is pointing out something happening in that moment but more so in the future…fake healings, signs & wonders we see behind pulpits and on stages across the world every week.

[2Ti 3:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/9/s_1128009) But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Jannes’s and Jambres’s folly was also.

/[2Ti 3:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/10/s_1128010) Now **you followed my teaching**, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, **perseverance**, 11 **persecutions**, *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!\ I-CON-EE-UMM

Paul was dragged through trials and misery and attacks and he even had to endure the back biting and attacks early in his ministry from the majority of the disciples because they did not all welcome him with open arms…SAUL of Tarsus.

[2Ti 3:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/12/s_1128012) Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

[2Ti 3:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/13/s_1128013) But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

This is said in the present tense meaning it will continue on this way!

[2Ti 3:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/14/s_1128014) You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them,*

[2Ti 3:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/15/s_1128015) and 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.

/[2Ti 3:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/16/s_1128016) **All Scripture is inspired by God** and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **training** in righteousness; 17 so that **the man of God may be adequate, equipped** for every good work.\

Look at the list this is where Paul is emphasizing where pastor-teacher need to focus….teaching, training, equipping the saints!

Reproof is different than correction…reproof speaks to rebuking or scolding someone.

The Greek word is EL-LEG-MOS meaning a form of discipline.

We will finish up in 1Thess chapter two.

Some Bels think a Pastor is to always be soft and gentle with them yet there are times that a Pastor needs to be really firm with a congregation member or even in his message to the whole church.

Remember God chooses men with all different strengths and weaknesses and personalities.

Some of the issue that arose at Thessalonica were the exact same situation that happened at Ephesus and in fact Timothy had been in both places carrying the message of Christ and Paul doubled back to straighten out any issues. False teaching about the Rapture of the church was a big one in this area.

1Thes 2:1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain,

/[1Th 2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1th/2/2/s_1113002) but after **we had already suffered and been mistreated** in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid **much opposition**.\

There are very few pastor-teachers in history who faced the opposition and attacks that Paul faced. Yet he pressed on each and every time!

1Th 2:3 For our exhortation does not *come* from error or impurity or by way of deceit;

[1Th 2:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1th/2/4/s_1113004) but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.

Paul’s concern was not about being a man-pleaser and so that is a rule of thumb for all Pastor’s…do not be overly concerned about people’s opinions just concern yourself with pleasing God.

[1Th 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1th/2/5/s_1113005) For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness—

[1Th 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1th/2/6/s_1113006) nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.

[1Th 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1th/2/7/s_1113007) But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing *mother* tenderly cares for her own children.

[1Th 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1th/2/8/s_1113008) Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

[1Th 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1th/2/9/s_1113009) For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, *how* working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

In other words Paul didn’t want to get a financial collection from this area at this point because he was trying evangelize to them again and re-train some of the men who had gone astray.

The Apostle Paul was the example set forth as what a CA teacher and church leader should look like.

Greed and emotional teaching are no where in sight concerning this man’s life.

Can the pastor-teachers in the year of Lord 2019 say this;

/2Cor 6:4 **but in everything** commending ourselves as servants of God, in much **endurance**, in **afflictions**, in **hardships**, in **distresses**, 5 in **beatings**, in **imprisonments**, in **tumults**, in **labors**, in **sleeplessness**, in **hunger**, 6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,\

HAPPY NEW YEAR BE SAFE!!!