



THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY

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A YOUNG DISCIPLE

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SEASON OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Exploring some principles of personal growth and discipleship
 - 2:22, 2 Timothy 2:2 – He was looking for faithful men
 - 1 Timothy 4:15-16 – Be in these things, progress evident to all
 - Important time – Seasons like this make the difference between being average and being great

THE DEVELOPMENT OF JESUS

- Even for the Son of God, growth was not instant.
- It was a process that involved:
 - Submission
 - Development
 - Time, obedience, and patience



THE DEVELOPMENT OF JESUS

- Luke 2:52
 - Wisdom
 - Stature
 - Favor with God
 - Favor with men
 - Mentally
 - Physically
 - Spiritually
 - Socially



MATURING TO AGE 30

- Luke 3:23
- Others at age 30?
 - Promises? Process.
 - Difference between 20 and 30
 - “Bear the holy things”



WISDOM – MENTALLY

- Digging into the Scriptures
 - Understanding them afresh through the hermeneutical key: Jesus
- Guard against charismatic neglect of the mind on the one hand and exaltation of the mind over the heart on the other
- Let God awaken areas of disuse for His glory

STATURE – PHYSICALLY

- Bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things (1 Tim. 4:8)
- There is value in it, especially as it aids our health, ability to thrive, and longevity.
- Balanced life does involve taking care of your physical temple.

FAVOR WITH GOD – SPIRITUALLY

- “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.” (Luke 3:21-22)
- Rooted and grounded in love (Eph. 3:14-21, esp. 17-19)
- You are special to God
- Knowing Him (cf. Matt. 7:23)
- Come up to Him (Matt. 5:1-2) and stay with Him (Mark 3:13-15)
 - And don't leave :-) (cf. John 6:66ff.)

FAVOR WITH MEN – SOCIALLY

- Timothy is later “well spoken of by the brethren” (Acts 16:2)
- Being socially healthy
- Human eloquence is no substitute for the power of God
- Yet, effective communication is extremely important
- Knowing the settings you are in and how to best bring Jesus is important, and something modeled by Paul in Acts

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUCCESSFUL DISCIPLE

- Multi-faceted growth (like we saw with Jesus)
- Faithfulness, consistency, perseverance
- Living well in secret for the things not yet seen

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