



THE WORD PASSED ON CHAPTER THREE

Questions covered in this chapter :

1. Why is biblical training important?
2. How does training fit into God's plan?
3. Whom do we train as teachers and leaders?
4. What training methods did Paul use?

Reflection Questions: .

1. Do I believe biblical training to be important in my own life (why or why not)?
2. Am I allowing myself to be taught by biblically sound teachers?
3. Am I currently growing in my role as a faithful minister of the gospel? (call and discuss with a friend)

I. WHY BIBLICAL TRAINING?

2 Timothy 2:2 "What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

A. **Two Qualifications those who are being trained must have:**

1. **Faithful Teachers** -the message could not be changed
 2. **Able to Teach** - those who are teachers
- "The New Testament never encourages self-appointment."

B. **Caution:**

Faithful but not able to teach (confusion)
Able to teach but not faithful (heresy)
Most knowledgeable but can't teach
Best communicators but not "theologically reliable"

C. Pray Earnestly - "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:38

DISCUSSION WITH A FRIEND:

What does “theologically reliable” mean to you? Is this an important qualification of a teacher and why?

Can you recall a gifted teacher in your life? What made them a gifted teacher? In what ways could you thank them for sharing their gift.

II. HOW DOES TRAINING FIT INTO GOD’S WIDER PLANS AND PURPOSES?

1. God’s Plan for the World: To Unite All Things in Christ - A faithful teacher will have a heart for the lost.

A. Ephesians 1:9-10

B. Philippians 2:10-11

“ ... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

“The endgame to which all of history is heading...”

2. God’s Purpose for the Church: To Be Rooted and Established in Christ - A faithful teacher will encourage growth.

A. Colossians 2:6-7 “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

B. A good teacher is first and foremost a faithful student.

“...growing roots into Christ and being built up in Christ show that there is no room for complacency.”

3. God’s Means for Achieving This Plan and Purpose: Scripture - A faithful teacher will teach truth and confront error even when its painful.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 “...and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

Even though the initial sting is painful. Eventually we find freedom in reproof, peace in correction and confrontation, and joy in restoration and righteousness.

DISCUSSION WITH A FRIEND: As a believer what areas listed above am I growing in and what areas would I desire accountability (heart for the lost, growth in the word, accepting reproof, speaking truth to others)

III. WHOM TO TRAIN : TITUS 2

A. Godly Character: Titus 2:3

Not to be slanders, addicted to wine (Cretans were known for their lies, laziness, and gluttony) God's grace is needed to live self-controlled, upright, godly lives.

B. Firm Convictions: Titus 2:5

Valued the Word, trained in the Word, upheld the Word,

C. Teaching Competence: Titus 2:3-4

Spiritually mature women taught others to love husbands and children, self-sacrifice service, self-control and purity

“a recognition that if a woman accepts the vocation of marriage and motherhood, then she has particular responsibilities to her husband and children. In all her work she will maintain a central commitment to her family - a commitment that must not be neglected.”

IV. HOW ARE WE TO TRAIN NEW LEADERS

A LOOK AT PAUL'S EXAMPLE AS A FAITHFUL LEADER:

1. His Gospel Focus: 1 Thessalonians 2:2, 8-9
2. His Transparent Life: 1 Thessalonians 2:1, 3, 5-6, 8-10
3. His Parental Concerns: 1Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12
4. His Integrity before God: 1 Thessalonians 2:4, 5, 10

V. WHAT TO TEACH AND WHERE TO TRAIN

A. Training for One-to-One Ministry

1. 15 min - fellowship
2. 45 min - bible study and prayer through the passage
3. 30 min -Talking, praying through related issues, concerns

B. Treating your time together as a Partnership - learning together, word setting the agenda, kindness not condemnation

C. Training Resources:

1. *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* - W.E. Vine
2. *Systematic Theology* - Wayne Grudem
3. *Lord Teach Me How to Study the Bible in 28 Days* - Kay Arthur
4. *Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both our Hearts and Our Minds* - Jen Wilkin
5. *Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together* - Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth (Titus 2 Study)
6. Online - Blue Letter Bible