

50 Minutes Total

1 Timothy 1:12-17
The importance of Testimony

Intro

Ricky, Family

We are in 1 Timothy our Title is

Aiming for Love in the Household of God

Quick review of Ben's message

Reasons for Paul to write this Book

1:5 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

3:14,15 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

Certain person leading vain discussions causing people to wonder away!

Quick review of Dave's message

What is the Law?

Who is it for?

How do we use it?

This week we are going to talk about the Testimony of Paul

Pray

1 Timothy 1:12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Why would Paul give his testimony here?

To answer that question we have to ask a few more:

- 1 .What is Paul's testimony?
2. Why Give it here

Question #1 What is Paul's testimony?

Philippians 3:4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh (Self Righteousness) also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: **5** circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; **6** as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Acts 22:3-16 (Paul is Saul)

1. Jewish Man
2. Gamaliel
3. Strict view of the Law
4. Zealous
5. Persecuted THE WAY/Christians
6. Blind, but had to be told he was blind
7. Called to something great

Who is Paul now?

Philippians 3:7-11

Question #2 Why Give his testimony here?

Lets keep with the flow of the book

1. Love from a pure heart a good conscience and a sincere faith
2. Certain person leading vain discussions causing people to wonder away!
3. How, they are teaching people to try to keep the law to have a right standing with God!

PAUL IS THE EXAMPLE verse 16

Paul is proving the tool mismatch

If the law could save it would have worked for Paul!

Keep reading

1:18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, **19** holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, **20** among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Paul considers his testimony valuable enough and persuasive enough to drive the point home for Timothy!

Using the law in the wrong way is so hurtful to your spiritual journey that Paul calls out the "certain persons" by name!

2. Why Give his testimony here? Because it has great Power!!!

Applications

1. Be ready to share your testimony.
2. Don't belittle your testimony.

Don't belittle your testimony as though it has no value compared to someone else.

Example: I wish I had testimony like Paul or Ricky.

Example: Someone who grew up in the Church.

3. Learn to give your testimony in multiple ways, using various themes.

Simple statements about God

Praying with someone at that moment

Pay attention to your conduct

Paul gave his testimony in multiply different ways

Give my testimony in multiply different ways

Reborn with my aunt and uncle

Story about Hedonism leading to death

Shipwreck of my faith/Hand over to satan

Story about Self Righteousness

Story about Pakistan

Story about Scott

Choose the write story for your audience!!!