

## 2 Timothy 1:8-14 If You Could Change One Thing...

### 1. An Authentic Prisoner 8

- A. An Authentic Identity (mission)
- B. Don't be ashamed to share Jesus
- C. Don't be ashamed of the prisoner for Jesus
- D. Share in the suffering

### 2. Holy Calling 9-12

#### **Two of the Reasons Why "Holiness" is not discussed today**

##### 1. **Legalism of the past**

“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.”  
Matthew 23:2-4 ESV

##### 2. **The False Idea that It is a "Human Based Theology"**

- A. God saved  
“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”- Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV
- B. Called to a holy calling

#### **God is Holy!**

“God is holy with an absolute holiness that knows no degrees”  
AW Tozer *The Knowledge of the Holy*

“And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”-Isaiah 6:3 ESV

“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” -Revelation 4:8 ESV

#### **God sets the parameters to what holiness is (and who is holy)**

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.””  
1 Peter 1:14-16 ESV

““Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.””  
Leviticus 19:2 ESV

“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” -1 Corinthians 1:9 ESV

“For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.” -1 Corinthians 1:26 ESV

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.” -Galatians 1:6-7 ESV

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 3:14 ESV

“For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.”  
1 Thessalonians 4:7 ESV

#### **We are made holy by God**

“There is a relative and contingent holiness which He shares with angels and seraphim in heaven and with redeemed men on earth as their preparation for heaven. This holiness God can and does impart to His children. He shares it with them by the imputation and by impartation, and because He has made it available to them through the blood of the Lamb, He requires it of them.”  
AW Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*.

“You must treat them as holy because they offer up food to your God. You must consider them holy because I, the Lord, am holy, and I make you holy.” -Leviticus 21:8 NLT

“Keep my statutes and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you.”  
Leviticus 20:8 ESV

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” -1 Thessalonians 5:23 ESV

“To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” -2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 ESV

C. It is done by grace!

### 3. An Appeal to Willing Obedience 13, 14

A. It's personal

“If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But **godliness with contentment is great gain**, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.” -1 Timothy 6:3-8 ESV

B. It's Relational

C. It's In There!

“O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.”  
1 Timothy 6:20-21 ESV

#### Reflection:

1. *How often do you think of or use the word “holiness”, “character”, or “integrity”? What has “holiness” looked like in your life? Where have you fallen short?*
2. *How are you engaged in the battle for holiness in your life right now? Are you taking that to God Himself? Are there others that help pray for you, give instruction, and encourage you?*

### ***Follow Up in the Word Through the Week...***

**Monday:** Ephesians 2:8-9. Reflect on the description of salvation in these verses. What is salvation a result of and what is the result of salvation?

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4. What is said about God in these passages? Who are the beings and humans there and what is their response?

**Wednesday:** 1 Peter 1:14-16 and Leviticus 19:2. What is the command in each of these verses from the Old and the New Testament? What impact should that have on our lives?

**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 1:9 and 26. Who is doing the calling and who is called? Have you viewed yourself as called by God?

**Friday:** Galatians 1:6-7 and Philippians 3:14. What do we learn here from these two passages that we can do with the calling extended to us? Reflect on Philippians 3:14. How are you pressing on today?

**Saturday:** 1 Timothy 6:3-8. How does Paul tie “sound words” into how we view our own financial situation? Looking at 2 Timothy 1:13 and 14, how helpful is the “pattern of sound words” to our lives today?