

Series # 1

New Testament Church Discipleship Principles (2 Timothy 2:1-7)

PAUL TO TIMOTHY TO FAITHFUL PEOPLE TO OTHERS

Discipleship is a Lifestyle, and it begins at home.

Who was Timothy

- o Paul met Timothy, who was already a follower of Jesus (and Paul) through the teachings of Paul (See Acts 14:21, Acts 16:1-2). Timothy grew up in a home where the father was Greek, probably not a spiritual man. We see Timothy nurtured by his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois (2Timothy1:5, 3:15) in the scriptures

Relational Model Over Class Model

- o Discipleship is rooted in relationships, not programs.
- o The dynamic between Paul (spiritual father) and Timothy (spiritual son) demonstrates that true discipleship is personal, intentional, and relational.

Strength in the Lord as the Goal

- o Discipleship emphasizes spiritual maturity, not merely participation or church membership.
- o Paul's charge to Timothy to "be strong in the Lord" emphasizes the importance of growth in faith, character, and resilience.

Responsibility of the Spiritual Parent and Earthly Parent

- o Mentors bear the primary responsibility for nurturing disciples (1 Timothy 1:2).
- o Timothy's growth resulted from Paul's investment, guidance, and care, not solely from Timothy's independent efforts. It all begins with Fathers and Mothers

Paul is a spiritual father to three spiritual sons, but he is a father figure to the churches he started.

Paul had many co-labourers in his ministry, according to Romans 16.

Paul and Luke also special friendship

The ultimate goal is to follow Jesus, not spiritual fathers, co-labourers and special friends (1 Corinthians 11:1, Ephesians 5:1) . Our Goal is to follow God and because we are his children.

Jesus has placed the Holy Spirit inside of us, so you are never alone (John 14:16-18, John 16:7)

Then why do we need Discipleship?

1. Spiritual maturity

2. **Character building**
3. **Guidance and Nurturing**