

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
GOD WANTS TO DEVELOP MATURITY
BEFORE BRINGING US INTO OUR DESTINY!!!

Sermon Series: **Perseverance (2 Timothy)**

THE LEGACY OF FAITH

2 Timothy 1:1-7 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

PROFILE OF SECOND TIMOTHY

- Written by Paul *from a Roman prison* while under a sentence of death.
- Paul sent this *very personal* letter, with many pastoral instructions and guidelines, to Timothy, his protégé and spiritual son.
- Delivered to Timothy somewhere in Asia Minor, perhaps in the city of Ephesus.
- Paul described the moral degeneration of the last days and issued an impassioned plea for believers to remain faithful, persevering under hardship.
- Paul emphasized the need for pure doctrine, godly living, and preaching the gospel.
- The apostle emphasized the Christian's duty to live faithfully to the end, sobered by the future judgment and encouraged by our future reward.

PROFILE OF EPHESUS

- Ephesus - home to one of the seven wonders of the ancient world—the temple of the goddess Artemis. For the Ephesians, the temple and worship of Artemis represented economic opportunity as well as civic pride (Acts 19).
- Ephesus - reputation as a center for the learning and practice of magical arts (Acts 19:19).
- Like other major cities in the Roman Empire, Ephesus enjoyed a measure of civic self-rule.

LEGACY = *a thing handed down by a predecessor...*

PERSEVERANCE — Action or condition of steadfastness.

OT Israel waited generations for fulfillment of promises that many believers never lived to see.
(*Resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering: steadfast loyalty.*)

1) Perseverance displays SERVICE - 2 Timothy 1:1-4 NKJV

Elements of Service...

a) Compliance - 2 Timothy 1:1 NKJV

Compliance simply means the action or fact of complying with a wish or command:

b) Companionship - 2 Timothy 1:2 NKJV

Luke 10:1 - *Jesus* always sent them by two's or more, never alone.

c) Consistency - 2 Timothy 1:3a NKJV

Hebrews 12:1 - *We have a cloud of witnesses.*

d) Consecration - 2 Timothy 1:3b NKJV

† 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NKJV

† James 5:16 NKJV

e) Concern - 2 Timothy 1:4 NKJV

† Acts 20:36-38 NKJV

2) Perseverance displays SINCERITY.

a) Legitimate Faith - 2 Timothy 1:5a NKJV

b) Legacy Faith - 2 Timothy 1:5b NKJV

c) Lord's Faith - 2 Timothy 1:6 NKJV

3) Perseverance displays SOVEREIGNTY - 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

a) What God Has Not - 1 John 4:18 NKJV

b) What God Has - Luke 10:19 NKJV

† Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

† 1 Corinthians 2:16 NKJV



ECCLESIA WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE
Week of April 7, 2024



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Things every ECF Disciple should do to REMAIN IN COMMUNITY:

- ⇒ **COMMIT** to be a part of one *weekly* STUDY GROUP (<https://www.ecclesiachurch.com/bibleStudy.html>)
 - Click “I’m New” to access **Biblical Bases** for new believers
 - Click “**Sunday School**” to access **Sunday Sch Classes**
 - Click “**Study Groups**” to access **Youth, Young Adults** and **Sermon Notes** groups
 - ==> Email huggs@gmail.com if you wish to join a group
- ⇒ **CONNECT** with your Study Group on a weekly basis.
- ⇒ **INVITE** your family, neighbors, and friends to join a Study Group.

Young Adults HUGG! meets Tuesdays, **7:00pm**. Ages 18-40!

New Members HUGG! Wednesdays, **7:00pm**. Open to All! Special Invite to all Base Class Grads

Men's Book Study! Kingdom Disciples, 1st Sat, 8am, **May 4**: <https://www.ecclesiachurch.com/newsEvents.html>

TAKE IT TO PRAYER:

- ⇒ Pray for your family and friends and needs of group members throughout the week.
- ⇒ Pray for **Pastor Beckley**, our Ecclesia Leaders, and these prayer needs:

Lynda Beckley & Fam, Finance & Admin	Family of Marion Black, bereavement
Joseph Branch & Fam, Edification	Sherry Harris, healing
Min. Harvie Haynes & Fam, Facilities	Mother Esther Daniels, healing
Min. Brian Williams & Fam, Family Life	Kim Anthony, healing
- ⇒ Pray for your Oikos: **All group members**, call out each name on your Oikos list.

TAKE IT TO WORSHIP: *Stir Up The Gift* by Colorado Mass, <https://youtu.be/1Xabno3DloE>

(Steps to completing your study guide):

1. Please use the translation indicated on the sermon outline.
2. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you understanding.
3. Read, study, and meditate on 2 Timothy 1 NKJV.
4. Highlight, underline, note anything that “jumps out” at you.
5. Watch sermon: “**The Legacy of Faith**” by Dr. Beckley, Senior Pastor, https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ecf+online
6. Answer each question giving as much detail as you can. Include other related verses.

FILL-INS: 1) SERVICE

2) SINCERITY

3) SOVEREIGNTY

TAKE IT TO THE GROUP: (Share your questions, discoveries, and answers in your group discussion)

OVERVIEW: As we begin this Perseverance sermon series, on your own, watch the Bible Project overview of 2 Timothy: <https://youtu.be/urlvnxCaL00?si=KkSnzVSFmQi5jtCP>.

1. Share your thoughts on the Quote of the Week,

God wants to develop maturity before bringing us into our destiny!!!

2. This 2 Timothy sermon series is entitled, **Perseverance**! In your own words, define Perseverance.

3. Read Pastor Beckley's introductory descriptions on the city of Ephesus and the book of 2 Timothy (page 1). What stands out to you and why?

4. **Perseverance displays SERVICE.** Read 2 Timothy 1:1-4 NKJV aloud. Pastor Beckley listed five elements of service: compliance, companionship, consistency, consecration, and concern. Briefly share a personal experience with one of these elements.

5. **Perseverance displays SINCERITY.** Read 2 Timothy 1:5 NKJV aloud. Describe the person who "whose genuine faith led you to have genuine faith in Jesus Christ."

6. Read 2 Timothy 1:6 NKJV aloud. Read "What does it mean to stir up the gift (2 Timothy 1:6)?" <https://www.gotquestions.org/stir-up-the-gift.html>. List at least one Scripture that answers the question, "How do YOU cooperate with the Holy Spirit to stir up the gift?"

7. **Perseverance displays SINCERITY.** Read 2 Tim. 1:7 NKJV aloud and define each of the following:

Fear - _____

Power - _____

Love - _____

Sound Mind (self-discipline) - _____

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Micah

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89775027654> Phone: 1-669-900-9128 ID: 897 7502 76

2024 Bible Challenge Reading Schedule

<https://www.ecclesiachurch.com/publications/bibleReadingPlan.pdf>