

TRAINING LEADERS TO SERVE THE CHURCH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

1 Paul had led Timothy to Christ on his first missionary journey.


 Looking at 2 Timothy 2:1-7, can you describe the type of relationship these two had?

2 What pictures come into your mind when you think of ministers? Bookish Librarians? Crowd-working Politicians? Smooth-talking Salesmen? How does Paul describe what a pastor is like in verses 4, 5, and 6?


3 Describe the rules and rewards of ministry as described in verses 4-6. Can you think of other passages that describe these?

4 Describe the pains and pressures of ministry as implied in verses 4-6. Can you think of other passages of Scripture that describe these sufferings?

 What are good ways to strengthen people in the ministry?

 Why is a simple exhortation to “be strong” or to “buck up” insufficient?

5 Everyone needs encouragement, including ministers or those training for ministry.

 Which source provides you personally with the most encouragement: prayer, Bible reading, listening to sermons, meeting with other believers, gifts from friends, a note of thanks, worshiping through music, reading Christian books...?


 How can you encourage others, and in particular those who are training for ministry or who are in ministry?


6 What should the mindset of pastors be according to verse 7?


 If their mindset is right, they will recognize a certain set of expectations. What are the expectations ministers of the gospel ought to have?

 What are unhealthy or worldly expectations ministers might struggle with having?

7 Does our church have a mentoring ministry? Which person would you talk to if you wanted to learn? Would people talk to you if they needed discipleship or teaching?

 Are you interested in discipling or being disciplined?


 If you are doing ministry, what is your source of strength and encouragement?

 If you are engaged in ministry, are you sensing a need to be more equipped? Describe what would help you be a better “discipler,” teacher, or servant:

PRAYER REQUESTS

8 What is Paul’s mentoring philosophy as described in 2 Timothy 2:2?

 What is the philosophy you have in your home for mentoring your family towards ministry?

 What is missing in churches you have been a part of, in regards to mentoring into ministry?

9 Are any good things keeping you from doing the main things? Are you entangled with anything that is keeping you from having a ministry heart?
