

My Friend Tim

Part 2:
Stay Focused
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The Kid Pastor = Timothy (My friend Tim)

Tim was pastoring the churches that Paul had planted.

The Wise Mentor = the Apostle Paul

Paul was in jail in Rome.

Grant, this is how I want you to do your job:

1. Give it away.

"You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." – *2 Timothy 2:1-2*

2. Be disciplined when you encounter hardship.

"Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this." – *2 Timothy 2:3-7*

3. Keep your eyes and mind focused on Jesus.

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained." – *2 Timothy 2:8-9*

4. Stick to sound doctrine and avoid godless chatter.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly." – *2 Timothy 2:15-16*

5. Stay pure.

"Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels." – *2 Timothy 2:22-23*

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