

Authentic Influence

Impacting others for TRUTH, in an age of ERROR 2 Timothy 3:10-12 *Chris Mueller 12-16-2018*

Introduction:

#1 An _____ example 10

10 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance

1 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me. 17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

FOLLOW means to fully understand the meaning and the significance of what he says
and to carry out his ideas, becoming the kind of person he wishes you to be

1st An active _____ example 10a

10 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose

My TEACHING

MY CONDUCT 1 Timothy 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching

MY PURPOSE

2nd An active _____ example 10b

10b faith, patience, love, perseverance

MY FAITH

FAITH was Paul's hope in the future; his dependent trust in God's Word; his expectation for God to be at work now and resting is his loyal love focused on the person of Christ.

MY PATIENCE

MY LOVE

MY PERSEVERANCE 2 Corinthians 6:4 ...in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,
5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger

#2 A _____ example ¹¹

11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!

Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake

2 Timothy 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

#3 A _____ example

12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted

John 15:20 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.

Calvin Nothing has happened to Paul which does not await all the godly.

Barclay Anyone proposes to introduce into his life a loyalty which surpasses all earthly loyalties, then there are bound to be clashes and collisions.

St. Augustine Even when no one molests or vexes their body; for they suffer this persecution, not in their bodies, but in their hearts.

John 16:33b In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

How do you impact others for TRUTH, in an age of ERROR?

A. The influential believer follows his _____.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

Hebrews 13:7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

B. The influential believer is Godly and the _____ will be persecuted.

C. The influential believer will suffer _____.

Calvin Must all men be martyrs? It is evident there have been many godly persons who have never suffered banishment, or imprisonment, or any kind of persecution. I reply, it is not always in one way that Satan persecutes the servants of Christ. Yet it is absolutely unavoidable that all of them shall have the world for their enemy in some form or other, and their faith will be tried...

D. Your response to difficulty will demonstrate your relationship to _____.

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why does Paul teach about the importance of active and passive example?
2. Why does Paul describe the importance of teaching and conduct?
3. Why should Paul's personal example make such a difference in his influence of Timothy?
4. How is a passive example even more influential than an active intentional example?
5. Why do Christians struggle with the importance of suffering and persecution as a part of following Christ?
6. What responsibilities in your life must improve as a Christlike example in order to influence others?
7. What steps will you take today to grow as an example of Christ, and to whom will you seek to model that example?