



## **35. Pass It On**

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, *“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also,”* 2 Timothy 2:1-2.

Paul called Timothy his *“true child in the faith”* in 1 Timothy 1:2. Paul wasn't Timothy's physical father. He was Timothy's

disciplemaker ... his spiritual mentor. Disciplemaking is a multiplication process. Paul told Timothy to pass his teaching on to faithful men who would teach others. There are four spiritual generations mentioned in those verses ... Paul, Timothy, faithful men, and others. Disciplemaking is multiplication. Barnabas helped young Paul. Then Paul disciplined young Timothy. And later, Paul instructed Timothy to teach men in Ephesus. Paul's letter, 1 Timothy, contains those instructions.

Maybe you're a mature believer. If you are a mature Barnabas, who is your young Paul? Are you an older Paul ... who is your young Timothy? If you're ready to disciple younger believers, be a good steward of

your time. Give yourself to those who are faithful ... to those *“who will be able to teach others also.”* Maybe you’re not a mature believer. Do you need a spiritual mentor ... a disciplemaker? If you’re a young Paul, find your Barnabas. If you’re a young Timothy, find your Paul. But be careful in choosing an older spiritual mentor. Jesus said, *“Everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher,”* Luke 6:40. If you’re spiritually young or mature, get into the multiplication process of disciplmaking. Be a disciple and disciplmaker. Pass it on.

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