

Preparation for Future Leadership- (1 Tim. 3:1-13)

- As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? Pro-athlete, fireman, policeman, president, etc.
- Would you gain respect or recognition from that job? yes
- Would you be in a position to lead others because of that job? Yes
- God has a plan for young men. He wants men to grow and develop the skill necessary to be leaders in His church. 1 Timothy 3:1-13
- From where you are now, to what God wants you to be as an adult, what parameters will you need?
- Let's view these parameters as building blocks for future leadership.

Discipline – Do what you're supposed to be doing, when you're supposed to be doing it, and the way it is supposed to be done.

- Self-discipline is the act of controlling one's own thoughts and feelings.
- Discomfort of discipline vs. the pain of regret
- Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Effort – You can give your best effort regardless of your ability!

- The parable of the talents. (Matthew 25:14-30) The men were judged on the effort, not their ability.
- Old army slogans
 - “Be all that you can be.”
 - “We do more before 9 a.m. than most people do all day.”
- Hebrews 11:6- But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- Hebrews 11 – Illustrations of faith
- v. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice
- v. 5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death
- v. 7 By faith Noah moved with godly fear, prepared an ark
- v. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out
- v. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise
- v. 10 He waited for the city

- v. 11 By faith Sarah herself bore a child
- v. 17 By faith Abraham offered up Isaac
- v. 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau
- v. 21 By faith Jacob blessed each of the sons of Joseph
- v. 22 By faith Joseph gave instructions concerning his bones
- v. 23 By faith Moses was hidden by his parents
- v. 24 By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter
- v. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt
- v. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood
- v. 29 By faith the Israelites passed through the Red Sea
- v. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they were encircled
- Notice all the action verbs. These people all looked forward to what we now have – The completion of God's word.

Perseverance – Everything will not be OK. You will have to deal with adversity

- Bible words that mean the same as perseverance
 - Acts 14:22 – Continue
 - John 8:31-32 – Abide
 - Hebrews 6:10-11 – Diligence
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58 – Steadfast & Always Abounding
 - Galatians 6:9 – Not Grow Weary
 - Hebrews 12:2-3 – Endure
 - 1 Timothy 4:9-11 (NIV) – Strive
 - Galatians 5:22 – Faithfulness

Experience – Your Past ≠ Your Future

- Experience = A Chance to Grow
- Saul – Acts 7:58; 8:1,3; 9:1-2
- Paul – Acts 13-28; Romans; 1&2 Corinthians; Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; 1&2 Thessalonians; 1&2 Timothy; Titus; Philemon
- Learn from your mistakes and move forward.

Attitude – You see what you want to see –

- Philippians 4:8
- Views, values, and manner. I am what I think, feel, hope, believe, ect.
- Galatians 5:22-23 - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Leadership – Let your life be an undeniable example

- Live your belief, and your actions will motivate others.
- 1 Timothy 4:12b-13 - Be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.