

**THE WAY OF  
DISCIPLESHIP:  
BEING A  
TIMOTHY**

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## Foreword

I was radically born again by meeting and receiving Jesus in 2001. My life dramatically changed. The course of my life was forever altered, and I knew I was called to preach the gospel. But I had no idea how to go about preaching the gospel and I still had a lot of growing up to do. However, I loved Jesus and the Word and consumed the Word daily.

After some years trying to work in a University ministry, serving in youth ministry at a local fellowship, and searching for the call of God, I began to yearn for a father. I wanted someone to show me how to live for Jesus. I was not satisfied with going to church meetings. I wanted to be a disciple. I wanted what the 12 disciples had with Jesus. I wanted what Timothy had with Paul. I wanted a father.

The verses in **Malachi 4:5-6** spoke to me. I saw that there was to be a restoration of the ***“hearts of the fathers to the sons and the hearts of the sons to the fathers”***. From this verse my heart began to cry out for a father. I knew in my spirit I was called as an apostle and I knew I needed a father to show me how to do that work.

In that season of seeking God in my heart, and through meeting various people and ministries on the way, I was led to meet an apostle named Paul Galligan in the latter half of 2005. The first time I heard him teach, he taught a message on “Sonship”, about becoming mature sons of God.

In that meeting I had an encounter with God where my spirit began to cry out, “My father, My father”. I immediately thought of **2 Kings 2:1-12** when Elisha saw Elijah taken to heaven and he cried out the same thing. God spoke to me, saying, “I am doing

two things in you: I am making you a son (a mature son) to Me; and I am giving you Paul (Galligan) as a spiritual father”.

In mid-2006 I told Paul that I wanted to give up everything I was doing, come and be with him in the ministry and be discipled and trained by him as a “Timothy”. He first told me to leave it for another six months and talk to him then if I was still eager. This is important. I want you to see that I, as the son, was initiating the father/son relationship. And Paul showed wisdom to test my sincerity as it is important not to make this sort of decision based on emotion or soulish zeal.

In the beginning of 2007, I lived with Paul in his house for two weeks during a training school and I indicated that I still wanted to give up everything I was doing to be fully given to discipleship, with him training me. God had confirmed this in my heart during that time. Paul responded to me in this way, *“Jesus had disciples for about three years. They lived with Him. They learnt the ministry by being with Him. Timothy went with Paul doing the same. If you want to do this then the commitment is that you come up here (to Toowoomba) and live with me for three years. That will be your training.”* This was exactly what my heart desired in the Lord and we agreed.

The journey of discipleship had begun for me. I did everything with Paul. I worked with him locally serving in the ministry. We prayed together every day. We studied the Word together. We broke bread together. I saw and learnt the lifestyle of being a disciple of Jesus. I went on team in Australia and to other nations with him. He then began to train me to teach and minister. When I was ready, Paul began to send me on missions. I was commissioned and then later ordained to function as an apostle of Jesus Christ. And to this day ***“as a son with his father I serve with him in the gospel”*** **Philippians 2:22.**

During this time I have learnt many things. I learnt how true authority comes through submission. I learnt how to hear from God and be led by the Spirit of God. I have discovered more of the ***“unsearchable riches of Christ”*** Ephesians 3:8. I have learnt the necessity of being committed, submitted, faithful, obedient, correctable, teachable and willing to repent and change. I learnt how to take responsibility for myself and others. I learnt how to sincerely care for God’s people. And most importantly, I learnt how to find God in His Word, receive revelation and be able to feed God’s people with ***“knowledge and understanding”*** Jeremiah 3:15.

Now we can reach further. As I have been faithful in discipleship, God has opened up revelation and understanding to me from the Scriptures, and now the ministry is able to reach into more places, more nations. God extends His work through sons. **God is fulfilling His Word through Malachi 4:5-6!**

This booklet is written to help us all enter this restoration and revival. There have been many revivals throughout history where God has been restoring truths to the church. We are in a time where God is restoring apostolic Christianity – which is discipleship leading to mature sonship.

God wants sons. Mature sons who walk with Him just like Jesus did. He is raising up fathers in these days who have a heart for the sons. The heart is not to have sons for themselves but to raise many sons to walk in maturity with God as their Father. Paul raised Timothy. Elijah raised Elisha. Moses raised Joshua. Jesus raised the twelve. There is a pattern. It is not structured organisationally. It cannot be. It is led by the Spirit and is an inward work of God.

I have been blessed to have a father in the Lord who has raised me into effective and fruitful ministry as part of an

apostolic company of saints given to fulfilling the command of Jesus to make disciples of all nations. I am part of the family business. I am part of the Father's business.

As you read this booklet, I pray that the Spirit of wisdom and revelation will come upon you to see how this restoration cuts to the heart of what we have called "church". Jesus is calling us to do things His way.

By His grace, I am involved and a partaker of God restoring the father/son reality of church. We are not involved in an institution. We are members of the household of God (**Eph.2:19**) and in that house there are little children, young men and fathers (**1Jn. 2:12-14**). It is a family, not an institution.

It is time for true, relational discipleship to Jesus and His Word to be restored. It is time for ministry leaders to receive the heart of the Father and the Son and effectively disciple and grow the next generation of sons that will inherit the land, ***"all the promises of God"*** in Christ (**2 Cor.1:20**).

Nicholas Jackson, August 2019

# DISCIPLESHIP REVIVAL

## The Great Awakening

In these days of apostolic restoration and reformation of the church, there is a great awakening occurring among the people of God worldwide. The Spirit is saying to the churches to “awake to discipleship”. It is time for a generation to awaken to the great need of true discipleship and the great desire of Jesus: to make and have disciples! The great revival of our generation is a revival of discipleship!

## The call of Jesus in the gospel

Jesus came to call disciples. Jesus came to call people who would be willing to be learners, willing to be instructed in a new lifestyle and willing to imitate Him. Jesus wants us to ***“learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls”*** Matthew 11:29. The call to be a disciple is a call to learn from Jesus. The gospel is the call of discipleship to learn the ways of the kingdom by sticking like glue to the King.

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## Repent

When Jesus began His ministry, He preached ***“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”*** Matthew 4:17. The revival for each one of us begins with the call to repent, to be willing to change. We need to be willing to change our minds, change our ways and change our attitudes in order to learn how to live in the kingdom of heaven.

***Discipleship is learning how to live in the kingdom of heaven while we are on earth. We must be willing to change!***



## **The call into discipleship**

After preaching of the need to repent, then Jesus proceeded to call a few people out ***“And Jesus...saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fisherman. Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men” Matthew 4:18-19.*** It is possible, and even probable, that Simon and Andrew were hoping for this call. They had been a part of the revival happening at the Jordan River through John the Baptist (**John 1:35-42**) and Andrew had heard John declare Jesus to be the ***“Lamb of God” (Jn.1:36)***. They knew of Jesus. They knew what John had spoken of Jesus. Their hearts were yearning for the Messiah. Their hearts were prepared to follow Jesus. Their hearts were prepared for discipleship.

## **The invitation**

Today, something is happening in God's people that is preparing them for discipleship. People want to get out of the religious system and from being trapped in “church”. There is a yearning to follow the Messiah. There is a yearning to be more heavily involved in the kingdom and in the work of Jesus. There is a desire to be experiencing the reality of following Jesus every day as a lifestyle. The invitation is awesome! ***“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”***. We are to ***“follow”*** Jesus. We are to observe how He lives, watching His every move, so we can learn to draw others into His life. This is an invitation to learn to live ***“a new a living way” (Heb.10:20)***. It is time to stop what we are doing ***“immediately leave our nets and follow Him” Matthew 4:20.***

## **What are you living for?**

It is time to evaluate what we are living for. What are our motivations? What are our goals? Why are we alive? Jesus said ***“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,***

***and take up his cross, and follow Me” Matthew 16:24.*** To ***deny ourselves*** is to no longer live for our own agendas or pleasures. To ***take up our cross*** is to ***“crucify the flesh with its passions and desires” (Gal.5:24)*** dying to our selfishness and wanting to live for our own pleasures. It is to die to our selfish ambitions and living our own way. The word ***follow*** means: *to be in the same way with, that is, to accompany*. Jesus wants us to go on the journey with Him. Jesus wants us to accompany Him so we can learn to do what He does. In order to do this, we must give up everything else.

## **Losing our life to find it in Jesus**

The *awakening of discipleship* is receiving a revelation that accompanying Jesus is worth the loss of everything else. ***“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” Matthew 16:25.*** Life is found in discipleship. Eternal life is discovered as we lose our own soul life for the sake of following Jesus! What are you living for? The late Jim Elliot, a missionary who gave his life in the 1950s while reaching out to an unreached tribe in South America, coined a phrase *“he is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep in order to gain what he can never lose”*. Jesus is all that matters. Let’s make the decision together to ***“count all things loss...that we may gain Christ” Philippians 3:8.***

## **God wants everything**

God has always wanted to be involved in every area of our lives. He never planned for us to divide our life into different areas and compartments. He wants to be in everything. The greatest commandment according to Jesus is ***“Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God, Yahweh is one! You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength” Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (Mk.12:29-30).***

## The greatest commandment

The greatest commandment begins with a confession of who God is, that ***Yahweh our God, Yahweh is one***. Jesus opened this up a bit more when He said, ***“I and My Father are one”*** John 10:30. Jesus is the revelation of this one God. He is Yahweh in the flesh, ***“being found in appearance as a man”*** Philippians 2:8a. He is the Pioneer of this discipleship lifestyle. He is God showing us how to live in the flesh. We are to have a confession of Jesus as the one true God and we are to choose to love Him with all our being. This is actively giving Him pre-eminence in all areas of our soul, all our energy and labouring ability, and serving Him with our spirit in the gospel (Rom.1:9).

## Living the Lifestyle

After telling us the greatest command then God tells us through Moses the key of how to do this. It is by developing a lifestyle of surrounding yourself with Heaven's way of life. ***“And these words ...shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*** Deut. 6:6-9.

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## Be surrounded by the Word

We are to surround ourselves with the Word. We are to talk the Word. We are to breathe the Word. We are to discuss the

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Word and teach it to our children, natural and spiritual. Every house is to be a place where Jesus is honoured. Every house is to be a place where a family is gathering around the Word to learn of Jesus and be instructed in His ways. Do you teach your children the Word of

God? Whatever we do we are to view it through the Word and then do it all in the name of our Lord Jesus, for the glory of God (Col.3:17, 1Cor.10:31). This is the discipleship revival!

## **Heavenly conversation**

Our *“citizenship is in heaven”* Philippians 3:20. The word ***citizenship*** was translated in the KJV as *“conversation”*. This is speaking of our way of life. Our conversation, manner of life, is to be heavenly. The purpose for surrounding ourselves with the Word is to *“then beware, lest you forget Yahweh”* (Deut.6:12).

## **Abide in the Word**

Disciples *“abide in My Word...and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* John 8:31-32. This is the great awakening of discipleship. It is a change of lifestyle. It is not necessarily more “church meetings” to go to. It is a life to live. A life in the Word, breathing the Word so that the ***“Word becomes flesh”*** (Jn.1:14) in us and then people will see His glory!

## **The early church lifestyle**

In Acts 2:42 we see the pattern of the lifestyle of disciples, *“They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers”*. If, as disciples, we give ourselves to these disciplines we will

experience Jesus in the midst of us: the life of Heaven flowing on the earth.

This is a heavenly lifestyle:

- a) accessing the Word, which is the ***apostles' doctrine***;
- b) contributing into true loving ***fellowship*** with other disciples displaying His love through our relationships in Christ (**Jn.13:34-35**);
- c) accessing the fellowship of the Body and Blood of Jesus at the Table of the Lord, ***"proclaiming His death till He comes"*** **1 Corinthians 11:26**, which is the ***breaking of bread***;
- d) and accessing God together through ***prayers*** for ***"all men, for kings and all who are in authority"*** (1 Tim.2:1-2) and praying for ***"His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven"*** (Matt.6:10)

*This is the lifestyle of disciples in revival! A people displaying a whole new way of life, living in the kingdom of heaven on the earth!*

## **More than a 'good Christian'**

Many people are held back from discipleship. The young rich ruler was like many Christians today who are looking to find the minimum requirement to be "saved". ***"What good thing must I do to inherit eternal life?"*** **Matthew 19:16**. Jesus told this man to keep the commandments and the man heartily replied that he was doing that, but said ***"What do I still lack?"*** (v.20).

## **There is something lacking**

There is a great lack in the Body of Messiah. Many people are endeavouring to be "good Christians". They believe in Jesus, pay their tithes and are good 'church members' attending Sunday services. Many can even be successful in various pursuits. *But there is something lacking!*

## **Do not miss the invitation**

When the young rich ruler asked what was lacking, Jesus was able to answer him straight away, ***“If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me”*** Matthew 19:21. Jesus made a powerful invitation to this man. This man was a “good” believer in God. He was obeying the commandments but still lacking something. Jesus offered this man the opportunity of a lifetime – ***“Come follow Me”***.

## **The offer of discipleship**

Jesus offered him discipleship. It meant that he would have to leave his normal life. It meant leaving his comfort and financial security, ***“sell what you have”***. It meant no longer finding his life in his possessions, ***“give to the poor”***. This was the eternal moment – but he missed it! He missed the offer of finding real life in the kingdom of heaven. He missed the offer of eternal riches of the glory of God, ***“treasure in heaven”***. He missed receiving the understanding of the ***“mysteries of the kingdom of God”*** (Matt.13:11) and the ***“riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints”*** (Eph.1:18). He turned down the offer of discipleship to remain a “good Christian church member”.

## **There is great reward**

There is great reward and satisfaction in taking up the call of discipleship. For the young rich ruler who turned down the offer, there was only sorrow, ***“But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions”*** Matthew 19:22. If we do not take up the call of discipleship we will be dissatisfied, sorrowful and regretful, and not enjoy the blessing of fulfilling the destiny and calling of God on our lives.

## **Knowing the reward helps us give everything**

But when we realise the greatness of the reward it should help us to lay everything aside. *“Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life”* Matthew 19:28-29.

## **Discipleship is worth it**

The apostle Paul said, *“Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord”* Philippians 3:8. The reward of discipleship is great. It leads us into our inheritance. We come to truly know Jesus the Messiah in reality.

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## **Apostles are among God’s people**

It seems that generally in today’s “church” world there is still a great divide between “clergy and laity”, between the ministers and the people. This is not apostolic. This is not discipleship. When Paul spoke to the Thessalonians he said,

*“For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power...as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. And you became followers of us and of the Lord...”* 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6.

## Apostles provide an example for God's people

As an apostle, Paul lived among the ones he preached to. He showed them a pattern of behaviour, conversation and lifestyle. He was also able to say that they “**became followers of us and of the Lord**”. The word **followers** here means *imitators*. The Thessalonians were able to *imitate* Paul and His team's lifestyle. Apostles are needed in the discipleship revival as they can say “**Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ**” 1 Corinthians 11:1.

## Learn, receive, hear and see

When Paul wrote to the Philippians he was able to say, “**The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you**” Philippians 4:9. Apostles have been given to bring this pattern to the church. The church in the Scriptures is not an institution but a family and a company of disciples that are learning a new life. Apostles and all ministers are to provide the example of how to follow Jesus.

Paul shares with us four attributes we need as disciples to experience the God of peace with us from Philippians 4:9:

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- a) **The things which you learned** - Disciples are **learners** – we must be willing to learn, be teachable and correctable
- b) **And received** - We are to **receive** from apostles, and other apostolic leaders, the impartation and anointing of the Spirit, by being with them (Rom. 1:11, 2 Tim. 1:6)
- c) **And heard** - Disciples are to be **hearers** – being taught the Word, the apostles' doctrine, thoroughly so that they can pass it on to others (2 Tim. 2:2)



- d) ***And saw in me*** - Disciples are to be **seers** – watching and imitating the godly lifestyle and manner of life of the apostles and apostolic leaders (1 Cor.4:16-17, 2 Tim. 3:10-11)

### **It is time to return to apostolic Christianity**

The Great Awakening for our generation is here. It is time to return to apostolic Christianity, which is a Discipleship Revival. It will need great **commitment**. It will need **submission**. It will need **accountability**. It will need grace and **apostleship**. God has restored the apostolic ministry to the church to bring about a multiplication of disciples who know how to follow Jesus and live with a ***“conduct worthy of the gospel of Christ”*** (Phil.1:27).

### **It is time for disciples to multiply**

With apostles in place and functioning ***“Then the word of God spread, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly...and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith”*** Acts 6:7. If you have not joined already, it is time to join in this great awakening and enter the realm of real discipleship. Enter the Discipleship Revival!

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# FOLLOW ME – THE WAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

## The Call is to follow

Jesus is the perfect example of how discipleship works in the Kingdom of God. When Jesus began His ministry, He called others to **“Follow Me” Matthew 4:19**. He did not call them into a system, an institute, a seminary, nor a school of Theological thought. He called them into a new lifestyle. He called them to follow His example.

## “Follow”

The word **“follow”** in **Matthew 4:19** means to walk behind or *come to the back of* someone or something. We are called to get right behind the King and **“make His footsteps our pathway” Psalm 85:13**. His promise is that if we follow in this way, **“I will make you fishers of men”**. Discipleship will change us! We will be made into something different than what we are right now.

## They followed

When Jesus called the brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, **“they immediately left their nets and followed Jesus” Matthew 4:20**. The word **“followed”** here is different to the word in **Matt.4:19**. This word means: *to accompany, go along with, go the same way with...being on the same roadway with someone*. [read the Word Wealth in New Spirit Filled Life Bible at **John 13:36**]. We are welcomed by Jesus to join Him on the path that He is going. **We are invited to walk the same Way**. Discipleship has got to do with being in union on the path together with Jesus and learning the Way to walk, the Way to go, the Way to the Father (**John 14:6**). It is an invitation into the lifestyle of the Messiah.

## The People of the “Way”

The early disciples were known as the people of “*the Way*”. Before Saul became known as the apostle Paul he was looking for “*any who were of the Way...that he might bring them bound to Jerusalem*” Acts 9:2. Though Saul “*persecuted this Way to the death*” (Acts 22:4), he ended up confessing, “*that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers*” Acts 24:14.

Being on this Way causes us to be able to worship God in truth. Discipleship, Jesus’ Way, causes us to know God and be able to worship Him! The knowledge of God is found in a **Way**! Jesus, who He is and His lifestyle, is the **Way** to know the Father. There is no other Way.

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## Stay on the path

A disciple of Jesus one day said to Him, “*Lord, let me first go and bury my father*” Matthew 8:21. Jesus responded to him in a seemingly harsh way, “*Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead*” v.22. This disciple was caught between loyalties. To leave Jesus under his own terms was to leave the pathway with Jesus. Jesus told him to **Follow Me**. In other words, Jesus told him to stay in union on the same Way as Jesus. Many opt out for all sorts of reasons. They get off the road for all sorts of important distractions.

## There is a highway

There is a wonderful promise in Isaiah 35:8, “*A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness...Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall*

***not go astray***". We are to stay on this Highway with Jesus. If we simply make a decision to stay and keep walking on that way, no matter how difficult it may seem, we will ***not go astray*** and we will not suffer shipwreck concerning the faith (1 Tim.1:19).

## **Forsake earthly riches**

Jesus told the young rich ruler, ***"If you want to be perfect, go sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me"*** Matthew 19:21. Jesus invited this man to leave everything that was hindering him from entering into true life and ***follow*** Him.

## **Discover the riches of His glory**

Joining Jesus on the Way is an invitation out of bondage to the comforts and riches of the world into the true ***"riches of the glory of this mystery...Christ in you; the hope of glory"*** Colossians 1:27. Discipleship is the Way to have Christ formed in you. Following Jesus is the Way to finding God ***"supplying all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus"*** Philippians 4:19. Let us go on the journey with Jesus and discover being ***"strengthened with might by His Spirit in our inner man"*** which is ***"according to the riches of His glory"*** Ephesians 3:16.

## **THE CALL OF DISCIPLESHIP**

### **1. A call to learn**

When Jesus calls us to follow Him we must take the attitude of a learner if we are to become fruitful and effective in being a disciple. Jesus said, ***"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls"*** Matthew 11:29. We are called to ***learn*** from Jesus. Taking *His yoke upon ourselves* is learning to walk the same Way as Him while He carries the weight and even does

the heavy work. If we have this attitude, discipleship will lead us into *rest for our souls*.

## 2. A call to serve

The call into discipleship is a *call into service*. It is a call into humility and learning to serve the one teaching you. Jesus said, ***“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple to be like his teacher, and a servant like his master”*** Matthew 10:24-25a. Disciples should not be looking to correct the ones discipling them, but rather, looking to serve them so as to become like them. According to Jesus, disciples should aspire to be like their teacher.

### Elisha

Elisha ***“poured water on the hands of Elijah”*** 2 Kings 3:11. Elisha served Elijah and ultimately became like Elijah receiving ***“a double portion”*** of the Spirit that was upon Elijah. This meant he served as a son to a father as the ***double portion*** was the inheritance right of a firstborn son (Deut.21:17).

### Timothy

Timothy, ***“as a son with his father served with me (Paul) in the gospel”*** Philippians 2:22. Timothy, through his service to the one discipling him, grew into the apostolic ministry himself. Again, his service was as a son, not a slave to a master. Disciples are called to serve in the gospel ***with*** their spiritual fathers. Through this they will be ***“like-minded, sincerely caring”*** for the brethren just like their fathers (Phil.2:20).

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### 3. A call to be trained

The process by which disciples grow to become like their teachers is called “training”. In **Luke 6:40** Jesus says, ***“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher”***. The word ***perfectly*** means: *to arrange, set in order, equip, adjust, complete what is lacking, make fully ready, repair and prepare* [Word Wealth in New Spirit Filled Life Bible **Hebrews 11:3**].

### The role of the five ministries

This word is linked to the word used in **Ephesians 4:11-12** which speaks of the five ministries Jesus gave in His ascension ***“equipping/perfecting the saints”***.

Discipleship is a call to be set in order to function in the Body of Christ. It is a call to be adjusted, repaired, prepared and completed. It takes humility to be trained ***perfectly***. We need to admit we need some adjustment. We need to allow the one teaching us to speak into our lives and share things we sometimes do not want to hear. Discipleship is a call to be trained!

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### 4. A call to be molded

Jesus told those fisherman, ***“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”*** **Matt.4:19**. It is only in following Jesus that we become what He wants. We must allow Jesus to use others in the Body, those whom He has appointed, to speak the Word of God into our lives that will mold and shape us into the ones He has called us to be. Discipleship is the way we are shaped.

### 5. A call to be fathered

When Jesus was speaking to His disciples on the night He was betrayed He said, ***“As the Father loved Me, I also have***

***loved you; abide in My love” John 15:9.*** Jesus loved His disciples as a father, even as the Father. To be truly effective in discipleship the ones discipling are to carry the Father’s heart for the disciples and the disciples are to receive those discipling them as fathers.

## **Malachi’s final words**

This is what **Malachi** prophesied would need to happen before the coming of the Lord, ***“And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the sons, and the hearts of the sons to the fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse” 4:6.*** It is this restoration, through discipleship, that will cause creation, the earth itself, to be delivered from the curse (**Rom.8:19-21**). Discipleship is a call to be fathered, so that many mature sons can come forth and restore the earth! The goal of discipleship is ***“many sons to glory” Hebrews 2:10.*** Many sons walking in maturity with God as their Father, revealing God’s glory in the earth.

## **6. A call to be friends**

The call to discipleship is ultimately to be ***friends***. Jesus finally was able to say to His disciples,

***“You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you” John 15:14-15.***

Friends are those who no longer need to be told what to do. They simply do what they are commanded out of intimate knowledge of their Master and Father.

## **Friends know their Father's will**

Servants need to be instructed and commanded. Friends have the commands and instruction written in their hearts and know what the Master and Father are thinking, and they do it. Friends are trusted. Friends are faithful. Friends will not leave when things are difficult. Discipleship is finally a call into friendship with Jesus!

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# IMITATE ME AS I ALSO IMITATE CHRIST

## The goal

Jesus did not call people to go and study in a Bible College as such. He was able to say ***Follow Me***. The apostle Paul also did not invite people into a formal academic Bible Seminary. He was able to say, ***“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ” 1 Corinthians 11:1***. This is the goal. To have a lifestyle in Christ that you can invite others into. We are to have a way of life in Christ that others can follow and imitate.

## The lifestyle

Paul was able to say to the saints in Philippi, ***“The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you” 4:9***. That is radical! Paul is saying that *“If you live the way you saw and observed I live, you will experience the God of peace”*. How was he so confident of this? Because His lifestyle attracted the God of peace. Because of this he could confidently call the Philippians to imitate him and experience the same God as him.

## Imitate

In the New Testament there are six clear statements of what and who we are to imitate. The word ***imitate*** is also translated ***follow*** and comes from a word in Greek *mimetes* where we get the English word *mimic*. This has the sense of copying, imitating or mimicking. Let us have a look at what we are called to imitate.

### 1. Imitate the apostle

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, ***“For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you,***

***imitate me***” 1 Cor.4:15-16. Paul, as an apostle, ***urged*** the Corinthians to mimic and imitate him.

## **Imitate me by receiving Timothy**

How were the Corinthians meant to do this? The answer comes in the next verse, ***“For this reason I have sent Timothy...”*** v.17a. Paul told the Corinthians to imitate him by receiving Timothy.

## **A faithful son in the Lord**

How does this work? Because Timothy was ***“a beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church”*** v.17b. Paul had raised a faithful son who ***imitated*** Paul. If you received Timothy and learnt from him, you would be following or imitating

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Paul! This is discipleship the Kingdom of God way. It is a lifestyle imparted to the proceeding generations. It is learning the apostles’ ***ways in Christ***. God is raising apostles in this time who

have a life in Christ that can be followed.

## **2. Imitate the apostolic company**

Paul writes in Philippians 3:17, ***“Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern”***. The KJV puts it this way, ***“be followers together with me”***. We are invited to join in the apostles’ lifestyle and note those walking the same way with him. This is the “apostolic company”. The apostle and those walking the same way in discipleship together. This is to be a ***pattern*** for the rest of the saints.

## Being imitators together

As the apostolic company develops, the rest of the congregation of Jesus is also invited to join and be ***followers (imitators) together with them***. We have had many brethren testify of seeing this reality when they visit among us. They see a committed company of disciples fleshing out the gospel together. We have a pattern, a lifestyle in Christ that ***we*** walk in together. There are to be many apostolic companies of saints rising today, being followers together in the apostolic lifestyle so that the rest of the church can imitate the way of life of the apostolic company.

### 3. Imitate the apostolic team

The first letter to the **Thessalonians** was written by “***Paul, Silvanus and Timothy***” 1 Thess.1:1. It is then written, “***And you became followers (imitators) of us and of the Lord***” 1 Thess.1:6. Paul, Silvanus and Timothy were an apostolic team, functioning together. As an apostolic team, they were a pattern of life in Christ that was to be imitated.

### Copy their conduct

Their conduct together, their lifestyle, their unity in Christ, their zeal for the gospel were all to be followed by the Thessalonians. Many speak to us also of seeing this reality when we send teams to nations and places around Australia. They note the way the team functions together and they see a pattern, an example to follow. They notice the mutual submission (**Eph.5:21**) and the way we behave in our relationships together in Christ and it becomes a pattern for others to follow.

### We become examples to others also

The result of following the apostolic team and the Lord was, “***so that you (Thessalonians) became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe***” v.7. As they imitated the

apostolic team, they became a congregation that could be imitated by other believers. This is the goal. This is discipleship in the Kingdom of God. A lifestyle imparted,

***“we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us” 1 Thess.1:8.***

We are to imitate the apostolic team so we can be examples to others also!

#### **4. Imitate the elders**

We are exhorted in the book of Hebrews, ***“Remember those who rule [a better translation would be “lead”] over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow (imitate), considering the outcome of their conduct”*** Heb.13:7. We are to imitate the faith of those who lead us. We are to receive those whom God has appointed in our lives as leaders in His congregation and imitate their faith.

#### **Consider the outcome of their conduct**

If you are concerned that this is talking too much about following men then remember it is written that we should do this ***“considering the outcome of their conduct”***. In other words, see the fruit that is coming forth in their lives. If it is obviously good fruit then imitate their faith. The way of discipleship involves

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receiving those whom God has appointed into our lives to instruct us in the ***word of God***. Jesus' way of discipleship does not change, as the next verse records, ***“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever”*** v.8. We are to

imitate the elders and walk in the ***“like precious faith”*** with them (2 Pet.1:1)!

## **5. Imitate the churches of God**

The **Thessalonians** were also commended by the apostles, ***“For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus”*** 1 Thess.2:14a. In this context they imitated those churches having ***“suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans”*** v.14b.

## **Be encouraged by each other**

We are to learn from and imitate how congregations have developed and grown in Christ so we can draw strength from each other and grow in the same manner. We are to receive and learn from other churches being strengthened and encouraged by each other. We are to imitate the apostolic congregations in Christ Jesus!

## **6. Finally, Imitate God**

Imitating the apostle, the apostolic company, the apostolic team, the elders and the apostolic congregations (churches) is all ultimately leading somewhere. Finally, this way of discipleship in the kingdom of God leads us to,

***“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children”***

**Ephesians 5:1.**

In the context of **Ephesians**, Paul has just been writing about putting on, ***“the new man which was created according to God in true righteousness and holiness”*** Eph.4:24. The goal of discipleship is finally to make us like God, to bear His image and likeness.

## **Bearing His image**

We are to be imitators in all these ways so we can be **“conformed to the image of His Son”** Romans 8:29. We are being **“renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him”** Colossians 3:10. And **“as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man”** 1 Corinthians 15:49. We are to imitate God as dear children!

*As we give ourselves to being disciplined,  
learning to follow Jesus in the ones He sends us,  
imitating their lifestyle and ways in Christ,  
we will finally be found revealing God to the world!*

*Be exhorted to develop a lifestyle in Christ  
that others can follow.*

*Discipleship in the kingdom of God looks like this:*

*Follow me as I follow Christ!*

## BEING A TIMOTHY DISCIPLESHIP AND TRAINING

### Days of restoration

Malachi prophesied of the last days saying, ***“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children [lit. sons], and the hearts of the children [sons] to their fathers...”*** Mal.4:5-6. We are living in the days where God is bringing to pass the ***“times of restoration of all things”*** in preparation for His coming (Acts 3:19-21). A key sign that we are in ***times of restoration*** is the restoration of spiritual fathers and sons in fulfilment of the prophecy of Malachi.

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### Fathers and sons

In these days God is restoring the relationship exemplified by apostle Paul and Timothy. This relationship was first modelled by Jesus with His disciples, ***“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you”*** John 15:9. Church is not an institution, it is a family; a place where fathers are raising sons! And this relationship reveals the very ***“mystery of God; both of Father and of Christ”*** Colossians 2:2. God’s very essence and nature is Father to a Son and Son to a Father. It is in the Son that we see the Father (John 14:9).

### The gospel continues through sons

It is through “sons” like Timothy that the gospel is imputed, imparted and infused relationally into the next generation as a living reality, not a dead religious system. There is a generation of “Timothys” to arise to transmit the purity of the gospel into

succeeding generations! Faithful sons like Timothy impart the apostolic doctrine to the next generation of disciples (**2Tim.2:2**).

## **A certain disciple**

By the time we meet Timothy in **Acts 16** Paul is functioning as an apostle and has Silas on team with him. It says of Timothy, ***“And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy”*** **Acts 16:1**. Timothy was a ***disciple***. This is very important. Timothy was discipled by the churches in Derbe and Lystra. He was not simply a “church goer” or attendee, but a ***disciple***. He had grown up with a faith filled mother (**2Tim.1:5**) and knew the Scriptures which were able to make him ***“wise for salvation”*** **2 Timothy 3:15**. He had a foundation in the Word and was following Jesus.

## **The attitude of a disciple**

Let’s look at a brief summary of the attitudes necessary in a disciple, as this provides the foundation of being a son like Timothy.

- **Luke 9:57-58** – are you willing to be uncomfortable? Like the Son of Man are you willing to have ***“nowhere to lay your head”***? Disciples are willing to live an uncomfortable lifestyle.
- **Luke 9:59-60** – are you willing to break with traditional cultural values to do with family? Are you willing to ***“let the dead bury their own dead”*** and follow Jesus? Disciples have the attitude to obey Jesus even when that runs contrary to deeply embedded cultural values.
- **Luke 9:61-62** – are you willing to have no excuses in respect to family and put none of your own terms on being a disciple? Are you willing to follow Jesus not ***“looking back”*** to the life you once had?



Disciples commit themselves to the call of Jesus and give themselves to the work of the kingdom harvest without reservation.

- **Matthew 10:24-25** – are you willing to humble yourself under a teacher and serve? Are you willing to be like your teacher even in persecution, ***“If they called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more those of His household”***. Disciples are learners taking a humble attitude, willing to serve faithfully in the work.
- **Luke 14:26** – are you willing to choose Jesus over all other relationships? Disciples have obedience to Jesus as the all consuming responsibility.
- **Luke 14:27** – are you willing to ***“take up your cross”*** and die to your own will and live for Jesus’ will alone? Disciples take the attitude that their life only has meaning when doing the will of God, not your own will.
- **Luke 14:33** – are you willing to forsake all your possessions and not be tied down by what you own? Disciples use what they own for the sake of the kingdom of God and take the attitude of ***“being together, and had all things in common”*** Acts 2:44-45.

*These are the attitudes of a disciple. These were the attitudes that were in Timothy and provided a foundation for him to be a son to apostle Paul and be trained in ministry.*

## **Timothy had a good reputation**

The churches at Lystra and Iconium ***“spoke well”*** of Timothy (**Acts 16:2**). This means he was a good disciple displaying the attitudes of a disciple. It means that Timothy was a submitted person, submitting to the elders and to the Body (**1 Pet.5:5, Eph.5:21**). When we submit and are ***“clothed with humility”*** we receive grace from God to function as a disciple and member of the Body. Timothy had a good relationship with

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the elders and the saints. He was committed and accountable to the Body, not someone doing his own thing. Timothy was a part of the whole Body and growing in the sight of them all.

## **Timothy went on team**

When all this came to the attention of Paul ***“he wanted to have him [Timothy] go on with him” Acts 16:3.*** Timothy had grown as a disciple among the churches and now it was time for further training with an apostle as a spiritual father. As a father, Paul recognized the calling on Timothy’s life and wanted to see this come to pass. Paul, as a father, had a lifestyle that Timothy could follow and learn from. Timothy was going to the next stage: from ***discipleship to training.***

## **Imitate me**

By coming on team, Paul is inviting Timothy into his life in Christ. This is not the modern-day form of Bible School. This is on-the-job training, living as a family all day every day. Timothy was invited into Paul’s life just like the twelve disciples were invited ***“to be with Him [Jesus]” Mark 3:14.*** This is the restoration. True fathers who can say ***“imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ” 1 Corinthians 11:1.*** Jesus said, ***“Follow Me...” Matthew 4:19.*** Fathers are to impart a lifestyle to sons and invite the sons to imitate them and follow their ways. Timothy was about to learn a whole lot about the apostolic work. What Timothy was about to learn cannot just be imparted by academic training in the Bible. It is to be experienced in relationship with a father, doing the work with a father.

## Learning on team

When Timothy joined Paul and Silas on team he experienced many things you cannot learn by being in classes at a school only.

- ✓ **Acts 16:6-10** – Timothy learnt how to be practically led by the Holy Spirit in deciding where to preach the gospel next
- ✓ **Acts 16:11-15** – Timothy learnt how to win a household to Jesus, baptize them and plant the church in the house
- ✓ **Acts 16:16-24** – Timothy observed the clash of the kingdom of God and the domain of darkness and how this can lead to persecution and imprisonment
- ✓ **Acts 16:25-34** – Timothy saw how to practically praise God in the midst of persecution and see God's breakthrough and miraculous power. He saw that in the midst of God's deliverance there will be salvation and more disciples made and more house churches planted
- ✓ **Acts 16:35-40** – Timothy learnt, by observing Paul, not to be pushed around by authorities but to stand your ground and be the head and not the tail in Christ (**Eph.1:20-23, 2:5-6**).

*All these things Timothy learnt by being in the real gospel with a spiritual father who was actually doing the work!  
Are you taking disciples on team when you minister?  
Are you giving disciples experience in the field? Are you raising "Timothys"?*

## Knowledge by experience

My experience is that you learn so much by being on team. I learnt so much by being with apostle Paul Galligan. I learnt by being with him at home base and by going on mission overseas and within Australia. I observed how he dealt with certain situations in prayer and then action. I observed how he prayed and discerned spiritual things, overcoming attacks of witchcraft

and demonic interference. I saw how as an apostle he exercised authority over princes and powers in the heavenly places.

### **The Holy Spirit brings to remembrance**

Now, when I go on mission, I can see what my father does and do the same. My *“ears hear a word behind me, saying, **“This is the way, walk in it,” whenever I turn...**”* Isaiah 30:21. This happens as the Holy Spirit reminds me of how I saw a spiritual father operate in similar circumstances. When encountering certain situations, He reminds me of what I saw my spiritual father do and I am able to do likewise. As you can see, this is much more than Bible training alone.

## BEING A TIMOTHY – SENT AS A SON

### Learning endurance

After Paul, Silas and Timothy had been in Thessalonica and Berea, Jews from Thessalonica followed them and wanted to turn everyone against Paul. It says in **Acts 17:14**, ***“Then immediately the brethren sent Paul away...but both Silas and Timothy remained there”***. This word ***remained*** is the same word translated ***endure*** in **Matthew 24:13**, ***“But he who endures to the end will be saved”***. This word means to *wait calmly and courageously, active energetic resistance to defeat that allows calm and brave endurance* {Word Wealth Matt.24:13, New Spirit Filled Life Bible}. Timothy learnt to be strong and tough in hostile environments. He learnt not to back down. Paul said to him later,

***“You must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”*** 2 Timothy 2:3.

### Character production

Being a “Timothy” gives the opportunity to develop character that is necessary in being formed into the image of Christ. By learning to persevere he was learning that ***“perseverance produces character, and character hope”*** Romans 5:4. Paul was able to say of Timothy later, ***“you know his proven character”*** Philippians 2:22a.

### Character before gifting

Many in the Christian world get promoted because of gifting, charisma and personality. However, sons, like Timothy, grow in character to be able to handle the responsibility of the family business of the gospel. True fathers like

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apostle Paul are more interested in developing character in their sons than simply seeing a gift manifest. They realise that gifts without character can destroy a person but gifts on a foundation of proven, tested character will benefit everybody, being ***“given for the profit of all”*** 1 Corinthians 12:7.

## Receiving commands

After Paul left Timothy and Silas in Berea it then says, ***“So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed”*** Acts 17:15. It seems that as a father Paul had the right to give commands to Silas and Timothy. Timothy was a son who was willing to be told what to do. He did not think that he could settle in Berea and start a ministry for himself in the absence of Paul. Those who are sons like Timothy learn that they are part of a family and are willing to receive commands from a father. Timothy grew in authority because of his submission to authority. **True authority is released through submission.**

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## Sons are a strength to fathers

When Paul had finally got to Corinth he was by himself, started tent making and ***“reasoned in the Synagogue every Sabbath”*** Acts 18:4. However, ***“when Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ”*** Acts 18:5. Something happened to Paul when his sons came! When Silas and Timothy showed up Paul was ***compelled by the Spirit!*** This means he was gripped and overtaken by the Spirit to testify powerfully. When fathers have a Timothy, this brings boldness and courage to the father enabling them to testify in difficult

circumstances. Read **Psalm 127** to see the blessing that sons are to fathers, even ***“speaking with their enemies in the gate”***.

## **Do not rush the training**

I remember a time when apostle Paul Galligan spoke to me about not looking to manifest in ministry before time. He reminded me that John the Baptist ***“was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel”*** Luke 1:80. It also seems that Timothy was with Paul a long time before being released himself into ministry. He stayed under the teaching and training. He was with Paul in Corinth ***“a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them”*** Acts 18:11.

This was another eighteen months in addition to the time Timothy had already been with Paul. He was sitting under the teaching, serving his father. Jesus also learnt not to rush. He waited till He was thirty years old before entering into the ministry (Lk. 3:23). As a Timothy it is important to lose the ambition of wanting “to be something”. Wait for God’s time to be released into ministry with the backing and sending of Jesus and the apostolic father that He places in your life.

## **More training**

When the team moved on to Ephesus they began ***“reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia [a Roman Province of which Ephesus was the capital] heard the word of the Lord Jesus...”*** Acts 19:9-10. Timothy spent another two years faithfully being with Paul and being part of the daily training school happening in Ephesus. This time it seems though that Timothy would have started to be sent out on missions as, through this school, the whole province heard the word without apostle Paul travelling anywhere.

## Ministry experience

The next stage of training is to be sent out on missions and come back and report (**Mk.6:30**). Then you can get more training and feedback and go out again. Later, when Timothy was functioning as an apostle, most probably in Ephesus, Paul reminded him that

***“the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” 2 Timothy 2:2.***

On these missions Timothy would have been learning to be faithful to the apostolic teaching he had received. Learning to be accountable and not try and come up with his own doctrine. Apostolic sons are to remain faithful to the doctrine, ***“teaching***

<hr/> <b><i>Apostolic sons are to remain faithful to the doctrine.</i></b> <hr/>	<b><i>no other doctrine” 1 Timothy 1:3.</i></b> As we are faithful with another’s ministry, God will give us our own at the right time ( <b>Lu.16:12</b> ).
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## Sent

By the end of that time in Ephesus Paul purposed to go through Macedonia and Achaia and ***“So he sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, but he himself stayed in Asia for a time” Acts 19:22.*** The word for **sent** here is the Greek word ***apostello***. This means that Timothy and Erastus were sent apostolically, to represent Paul and Jesus in Macedonia and Achaia. This meant they were going to Corinth, Thessalonica, Berea and Philippi now on Paul’s behalf. They were able to be trusted to be sent as apostles.



## **Keep the heart of service**

It is interesting to note also that Timothy and Erastus were those who *ministered* to Paul. They had served Paul. This is similar to Elisha being one who *“poured water on the hands of Elijah”* 2 Kings 3:11. But now they are being sent out as sons to prepare the way for their father to come there. Do not think that you are too big to serve. This is not the way of the kingdom of God. **True spiritual authority comes from submission and service.**

## **A beloved and faithful son in the Lord**

Paul wrote to the **Corinthians** saying, *“I urge you, imitate me”* 1 Corinthians 4:16. How were the saints in Corinth going to imitate Paul when he was not physically there? The answer is in the next verse, *“For this reason I have sent Timothy to you”* 1 Cor.4:17a. Timothy was sent so that the Corinthians could imitate Paul! Paul had successfully imparted his lifestyle in Christ into a son! He then says,

*“who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church”* v.17.

Timothy was loved and he was faithful. He would represent Paul faithfully to the Corinthians, and by so doing, represent Jesus.

## **Sons carry the father’s heart**

Paul wrote to the **Philippians** about sending Timothy, saying, *“For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state”* Philippians 2:20. Sons like Timothy carry the same burden as their father. Paul says that all the other ministers *“seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus”* v.21. Others seek after their own ministry, their own churches, their own kingdom. There needs to be a generation of

“Timothys” to carry the apostolic heart down the generations. Paul then says, ***“But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel” v.22.*** Timothy was in the family business of the gospel.

## **Sons grow in their relationship with a father**

While Paul always remained a father to Timothy, Paul recognized Timothy’s growth and maturity. In other places Paul called Timothy, ***“our brother and minister of God, and our fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ” 1 Thess. 3:2.*** Also, ***“Timothy, my fellow worker” Romans 16:21.*** Sons become fellows in the gospel, brothers and ministers, even ***“bondservants”*** together in the work (**Phil.1:1**). Timothy was part of the apostolic team and functioning as an apostle with Paul in the work (**1 Thess.1:1, 2:6**). True fathers in the faith do not want to keep their sons under them. They want them to grow and become brothers and fellow workers together, able to have their own sons also, fathering others.

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## **Fathers leave an inheritance for sons**

When Paul was writing to Timothy, it would seem, for the last time, he wrote of the inheritance that he left for him. Paul said in **2 Timothy 3:10-12**, ***“you have carefully followed my:***

- ***Doctrine...*** - Paul had imparted the teaching into Timothy’s life. He was to teach the doctrine of the one who sent him (**Jn.7:16-18**)
- ***Manner of life...*** - Paul had imparted a lifestyle that Timothy knew and functioned in. Timothy displayed Paul’s ***“ways in Christ”*** faithfully (**1 Cor.4:17**)
- ***Purpose...*** - Paul’s purpose in the gospel lived on in Timothy. Timothy carried the heart for the saints to ***“obtain***

***the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory”***  
**2 Tim.2:10**

- ***Faith...***- the lifestyle of faith found in Paul was living in Timothy. Paul recalled the ***“genuine faith that is in you”***  
**2 Tim.1:5**
- ***Longsuffering...*** - Paul had shown longsuffering ***“as a pattern”*** to Timothy (**1 Tim.1:16**)
- ***Love...***- Timothy knew the love of Christ that ***“compelled”*** Paul (**2 Cor.5:14**)
- ***Perseverance...*** - Timothy had learnt to never give up by the example of Paul. Timothy saw Paul ***“endure all things for the sake of the elect”*** **2 Tim.2:10**
- ***Persecutions, afflictions...***- Timothy had joined in this, being imprisoned also (**Heb.13:23**)
- ***And out of them all the Lord delivered me...***- Timothy knew the Lord's deliverance learning to trust in the God who raises the dead (**2 Cor.1:9-11**)

*This is the inheritance for sons.*

*It looks like “**Christ in you, the hope of glory”***  
**Colossians 1:27.** Paul left Timothy a manner of life that would reveal Christ in Timothy. Paul did not leave a set of by-laws of a denomination but successfully imparted the life of Christ into a son.

*Now if you saw Timothy, you would see Paul and you would see Christ! This is the restoration happening in our time. Fathers and sons revealing the mystery of God, “**both of Father and of Christ**” (Col.2:2) by the example of their relationship!*

*It is time for the Timothy generation to come forth so that the world can be prepared for the coming of Jesus the Messiah!*

## TEACHING AND MATERIAL

We are available to teach and minister in conferences, seminars, training schools and church fellowships. We bring an apostolic grace to equip the saints, serve the Body and build up the Body of Christ according to Ephesians 4:11-12.

There have also been numerous *apostolic training schools* established in many nations which use training manuals, books, booklets and material we, as Revival Ministries Australia, have been graced to produce. The vision of the schools comes from Acts 19:9-10 where the apostle Paul *"for two years, reasoned daily in the school of Tyrannus"* with the disciples causing the whole region to hear the Word of the Lord Jesus.

We offer four Discipleship Courses as well as Courses for apostolic leaders. We do this online as well as on the ground where there is a school near you.

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