**“Stay The Course”**

Tonight, the Lord wants to charge us to “Stay The Course”. We are the children of God because of our belief in Jesus. Therefore, we must represent who we are in the Lord at all times and be not swayed. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NLT) says this**, **“14 But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught.** You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. **15 You have been taught the holy Scriptures** from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. **16 All Scripture is inspired by God** and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. **It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.** 17 God uses it **to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”**

Faithfulness to the word of God is our duty and commitment. It is how we know right from wrong, love from hate, wisdom from foolishness, righteousness from unrighteousness, truth from a lie, belief from unbelief, etc. Therefore, we must never let anyone cause us to forsake the word. Amen!

**2 Timothy 4:1-18 (NLT) says this,** **“4 I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus,** who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: 2 **Preach the word of God.** **Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not.** Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. 3 For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will reject the truth and chase after myths. 5 But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. **Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord.** **Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.** 6 As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. **8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return.** **And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.** 9 Timothy, please come as soon as you can. 10 Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry. 12 I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13 When you come, be sure to bring the coat I left with Carpus at Troas. Also bring my books, and especially my papers. 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm, but the Lord will judge him for what he has done. 15 Be careful of him, for he fought against everything we said. 16 The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. **17 But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death.** 18 Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

1. Minister the word when the opportunity presents itself whether in good times or bad times.
2. Don’t be afraid of what folks say.
3. Correct & Rebuke those who believe or not when they are incorrect.
4. Encourage those who believe and encourage those who don’t believe to believe.
5. Receive your prize (The Crown Of Righteousness).

I Love You, Be Blessed!

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