



Advanced Ministry Class

Lesson 13

Practical Studies About the Ministry

2 Timothy 2:2

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach
others also.*

Three Final Commands

*“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions . . .
make full proof of thy ministry.”*

~The Apostle Paul’s~

~Final Spiritual Imperatives For Pastors~

Paul instructed Timothy to be *disciplined internally*.

This internal discipline is likely in three areas:

(1) Our Emotions

(2) Our Attitudes

(3) Our Mind

Three Final Commands

~Spiritual Imperatives For Pastors~

*“But watch thou in all things,
endure afflictions . . .*

make full proof of thy ministry.”

2 Timothy 4:5

~The First Command~

“But Watch thou in all things”

- **Disciplined Emotions**
- **Disciplined Attitudes**
- **Disciplined Life to Finish the Course**

~The Second Command~

“Endure Afflictions”

- The ministry is one succession of **PROBLEMS**
- The ministry is one succession of **PRESSURES**
- The ministry is also one succession of **PRODIGALS**

~The Third Command~

“Make full proof of thy ministry”

- To **“fulfill”**
- To **“carry through to the end”**
- To **“accomplish the task”**

**In a similar vein, the author of Hebrews (Paul) wrote
to wavering brethren,**

*“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God,
(Hebrews 12:1-2).*

**The point the author of Hebrews is driving at is that Jesus
endured the cross.**

He finished His course. He did not give up.

**He in effect is saying, “I did it! I made it! You can too. Don’t
give up! Keep on running. You can make it!”**

The Apostle Paul made the comment that
*“the gifts and calling of God are without
repentance,”* (Romans 11:29).

When God calls a man into the ministry, he
doesn't *un-call* him ten years later.

It is a call for life.

Therefore, as Pastor Timothy, we are
instructed to make full proof of our ministry.

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