

Growing Timothy's

From the Desk of
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FOMENTING LEADERSHIP



Our Timothy's need be people who possess the ability to choose with Godly wisdom those who will do the work of the Lord. In other words, they will model after what you are currently doing. The exhortation of the Apostle Paul to Timothy in chapter 3 of 1 Timothy is not to choose because of the popularity an individual may possess, nor should they be allowed to push their way to the top. Instead they should be chosen because of their respect for the truth, both in what they believe and how they live. In this walk I have seen how choosing because of popularity has resulted in being detrimental both to the individual chosen and to the extent of hurting others and doing damage to the kingdom. The wrong choice even when done with good intentions can be devastating. We need to see that our Timothy's are well equipped so that they will make the right choices of those who will execute church leadership. In order to live the blameless and pure life depicted in chapter 3 requires effort and self-discipline. This is a lifestyle that all of God's children need to live out because it is with what God says is true and right. However, our church leadership should demonstrate consistency over time in this realm (they should be proven). We are aware that even when making the right choice in leadership disappointments will come, but they are the exception and not the norm and this should not discourage the body (church) in doing what we are called to do.

In the 4th chapter Paul instructs Timothy on apostasy, that in these later days we will see those who depart from truth. I am persuaded that you as well as I have seen many depart along the way; Satan would have us focus on the few that have, thus becoming distracted from the many who are still striving towards the mark. Paul's instructions are to keep focused on the truth of God's word, not to waiver in any other direction, but towards heaven always be looking. Our Timothy's need to be made strong in determination not allowing anyone to sway them in a different direction even when they feel intimidated (vs. 12). They must continue to be determined in setting an example in the way they talk, their conduct, the love they express to the brethren, their faith and in purity (vs. 12). In the meanwhile their attention should be given to the public reading of scriptures, to exhortation (preaching) and teaching (vs. 13). When these are not practiced continually the gift is neglected (vs. 14). Highly skilled and talented athletes lose their abilities if their muscles are not toned by constant use, and this holds true for us we will lose our spiritual gifts if we don't put them to work. Paul says to Timothy, "Practice these things: immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress" (vs. 15 ESV). All should see the progress of our Timothy's.

Oldest FG Church Building Visited By Pastors Simeon & Marissa Strauser

**Building
in need
of TLC**



**A project
for your
Church or
Ministry?**

On Memorial Day, this past May 26th, Marissa and I had the privilege to meet with Pastor Christina Smalley at the Stormville Full Gospel Union Chapel church there in the quaint village of Stormville, NY. This loving congregation (began circa 1901) has been faithfully serving their community as a Full Gospel Assemblies church since the year of 1973.

While being dedicated to the ministry of the church, the congregation is limited in the ability to undergo needed repairs & preservation needs for the aging edifice. The building is in need of foundation structural support, general repairs and painting.

We are praying for a contractor with the skill for this type of work to bring in or lead a team of volunteer assistants; to bless this congregation & help to give this church the TLC that it needs. Please contact FGA offices at 610-857-2357 for more info, to make a donation or to volunteer services. Pastor Simeon

Heavenly Dreams and Visions

-Book Release-

Bruce and Connie Vyverberg, ministers/authors with Church Tonight Ministries of Sevierville, TN have recently released the book titled, **Heavenly Dreams and Visions: God's "Last Days" Promise.**

This dynamic book is filled with intriguing, real-life stories, coupled with balanced scriptural teaching; showing how the Lord uses His limitless ability to bring direction, provision, healing, correction and even warning through supernatural visions and dreams. This book ends with a prophetic heavenly dream of national significance, urging us as a nation to turn from all that separates us from the Lord's favor.

Additional information of the ministry of the Vyverberg's and this most recent release (hard copy or E-book) may be found at www.HeavenlyDreamsAndVisions.com

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.... Romans 12:5

*One body in the Messiah - individual parts
connected to each other*