

# FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLIES

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"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

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## Strengthening The Family

*a word of encouragement to you today  
from Pastor Juan Feliciano*

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## Growing Timothy's



As I write to you brethren, it was recent that I learned of my aunt going to be with the Lord. In moments like these, it is a blessing that we as believers can process death from a vantage point in which we clearly know where our loved ones who have gone before us will be. When I called my cousin to give him our family's condolences the Lord had given me a word of uplifting by reminding him that God had given him and his siblings the privilege of having parents that were mindful of training them up in godly ways and had poured out their love on them. I mentioned to him that as a pastor I have had to counsel many who have not had this upbringing and in many instances, have been left alone to fend for themselves in the process of life. In an era in which the integrity of the family structure is being threatened our Timothy's need to be aware that God ordained families and that we must endeavor to keep its integrity and purity. In chapter 5 of 1 Timothy, Paul begins instructing Timothy on how he is to conduct himself with all the people in church. They are to be treated as family and with purity, in other words, there should be no other motive than keeping the wholeness (integrity) of the family. I am sure that you have seen this area of our Christian conduct violated in the past and have witnessed the devastating effect that it has had on the lives of those involved. When Paul addressed Timothy about this issue I am persuaded that he does so under a conviction that he will in fact be able to carry out this type of leadership. However, Paul needs to stress this point making sure that Timothy reads and hears these instructions given. In this chapter, Paul goes on to tell Timothy how he is to deal with the different circumstances in regards to the widows in the church which was a ministry that the church focused on. This passage of 1 Timothy has quite a bit of information that is valuable to our church settings today. In verse 4 it states, "But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God" (ESV). There is a principle here to be learned and that is, that we as a church do not remediate every family situation for it is God's purpose that the members of each work out their own needs. Our Timothy's must be aware of this and must know what their boundaries are. I am aware that there are extreme circumstances where the church may have to intervene, but that is the exception and not the rule. Our Timothy's must be able to assess family situations, pray for wisdom to bring a word of direction and when not sure as to how to proceed will know to call upon the church leadership for counsel. Paul in this chapter is concerned that the church does not get caught up in areas that will take away from its primary purpose (verse 16 ESV). This chapter is given to keeping the integrity of the family and it is God's purpose that family wholeness be kept today for He has not changed His mind in regards to this matter for He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

## Full Gospel Pastors & Ministers – You Can Be A Blessing To Others



We are calling all FG pastors and ministers to form the Timothy relationship with one that is called of the Lord. In growing a Timothy, we are following in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul as he gives *'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.'* (2Tim. 2:2).

**Now it is your opportunity to share testimony with your fellow pastors and ministers throughout the Church Fellowship.** Please use the enclosed form for sharing how the Lord is leading in your Growing Timothy's! Be a blessing, share your testimony today!

Chairman Simeon Strauser