

Growing Timothy's By Pastor Juan Felician



CALLED TO A HOLY CALLING

In II Timothy 1:9 the scriptures read that God saved us from this present age and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, abilities or the traits we may possess, but for His own purpose and His grace. This calling was preordained before the ages began. If you have been in Christ as long as I have you will concur that this present age demonstrates an increased sense of hopelessness. I believe that the accessibility to media today has made it possible to know more and acquire information much faster about the great degree to which our world has fallen. The media has allowed us to see what Christ saw, even to a greater extent, that the people are harassed and are like sheep without a pastor (Matthew 9:36). I am convinced that God is calling Timothy's that come from a background steeped in this fallen generation. A people who have experimented with this world heavily and may seem to others in the church as the least likely candidates, but remember it is these that know how helpless it is like in the world and can better empathize with those that are struggling with what they themselves dealt with living without Christ. These Timothy's will be a people who live in eternal gratitude because they know how greatly they have been forgiven and now demonstrate a great desire to live in holiness before God. They are grateful to be able to live a life departed from sin by the power of the Holy Spirit operating in them. They acknowledge the benefits of living in peace and saturated with the joy of the Holy Spirit leading them in holiness before God.

The emphasis on living in holiness is found throughout the New Testament, however it is almost repeated word for word again in Titus 3:5-7 in which we are reminded that we are saved not because of our works or how good we once were in the past, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Christ Jesus our Savior. It is imperative that we be mindful that God has not lowered His standards to accommodate sin and man's imperfections; this is precisely what He has delivered us from! We may see and hear of other religious institutions that are currently bowing down to impetuous of society's sinful ways, but we know God does not give in to the ways of man. He is the same yesterday and tomorrow and still on the throne in sovereignty! Our Timothy's must demonstrate a yearning to live a life that is pleasing unto God, in holiness.

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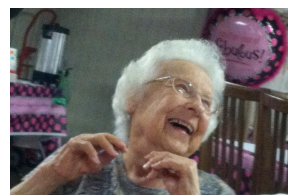
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If you feel that you are elder, take heart, the ministry of the child of God is never over.....

The Word of God reminds you today, "Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come."



Pastor Bob Kieck writes, Lillian is an inspiration to us all!! Here, Lillian, a participant within the seniors ministry of the Milwaukee, WI area shows her joy in the Lord at her 99th birthday party. May we all rejoice in the joy of the Lord

And 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