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## Ten Imperatives of Pastoring

2 Timothy 2:1-26

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### 1. Permit God's Grace to Strengthen You (1)

<sup>1</sup> You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

### 2. Perpetuate Future Leaders (2)

<sup>2</sup> 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.

### 3. Put Up With Hardship (3-6)

<sup>3</sup> You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of [this] life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. <sup>5</sup> And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hard-working farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

### 4. Ponder To Understand (7)

<sup>7</sup> Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

### 5. Plant Yourself On Core Truths (8-13)

<sup>8</sup> Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, [even] to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> [This is] a faithful saying: For if we died with [Him], We shall also live with [Him]. <sup>12</sup> If we endure, We shall also reign with [Him]. If we deny [Him], He also will deny us. <sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

### 6. Prompt Towards Profitability and Protection (14)

<sup>14</sup> Remind [them] of these things, charging [them] before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.

### 7. Present Yourself Approved and Unashamed (15)

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

### 8. Prevent Harmful Talk (16-21)

<sup>16</sup> But shun profane [and] idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. <sup>17</sup> And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, <sup>18</sup> who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." <sup>20</sup> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. <sup>21</sup> Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

### 9. Pursue Key Practices With Pure People (22)

<sup>22</sup> Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

### 10. Push the Truth Gently and Humbly (23-26)

<sup>23</sup> But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. <sup>24</sup> And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup> and [that] they may come to their senses [and escape] the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to [do] his will.