

III. PASS ON THE FAITH TO SPIRITUAL MENTEES

A. Paul to Timothy

¹ *"Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.*

² *He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.*

³ *Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek."*

Acts 16:1-3

B. Paul "coached" young Timothy, who became the Bishop at Ephesus!

¹ *"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,*

² *To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

³ *I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,*

⁴ *greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,*

⁵ *when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.*

⁶ *Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

⁷ *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."* II Timothy 1:1-7

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THE DASH: MAKING YOUR LIFE MATTER

Go All In For The Next Generation

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Introduction:

- A. Happy New Year! It's a great time to evaluate your life and determine how you can make the most of your life. Our teaching series called The Dash will be helpful in leading you to a life of greater purpose and meaning.

Your tombstone will have two dates separated by a simple line: THE DASH. The first date will be your birth date and the second date will be your death date. But what really matters is the dash in between.

Your dash represents your story. The goal is to live a life of eternal significance rather than chasing temporary worldly success. To do this it's important to live with the end in mind.

¹³ *"each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*

¹⁴ *If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward."* I Corinthians 3:13-14

- B. The Dash Teaching Series will encourage you to look closely at your life and examine how you are living your dash. And this series will reveal how to intentionally live your dash focusing on things that matter and last.

Jan 11	Delay The Decay
Jan 18	Take God To Work
Jan 25	Remember No U-Haul Behind A Hearse
TODAY	Go All In For The Next Generation
Feb 8	Unwrap Your Gifts
Feb 15	Reach One More For Jesus

TEXT: Psalm 78:1-8

Christians have inherited God's covenantal blessings by faith, in turn, to be a blessing to others! We must "pass on" the most valuable, precious and lasting commodity that we possess on earth- our faith in Christ (Jude 1:3; I Peter 1:7).

HOW TO GO ALL IN FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

I. PASS ON THE FAITH TO OUR NEXT GENERATION

A. David to Solomon.

⁹ *"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever."*
I Chronicles 28:9

²⁰ *"And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD."*
I Chronicles 28:20

B. King David wanted to do one thing that really mattered—build a house for God. But he couldn't, so he passed on the responsibility to Solomon, his young, inexperienced son.

¹ *"Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying:*

² *'I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man.*

³ *And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn;*

⁴ *that the LORD may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,' He said, 'you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'"*
I Kings 2:1-4

II. PASS ON THE FAITH TO FAMILY MEMBERS

A. Barnabas to Mark.

⁵ *"And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant."* Acts 13:5

¹³ *"Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from, returned to Jerusalem."* Acts 13:13

³⁶ *"Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.'"*

³⁷ *Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark.*

³⁸ *But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.*

³⁹ *"Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;"* Acts 15:36-39

B. John Mark quit and returned home on the first missionary journey. But Barnabas gave him another chance and developed his gifts. Mark ended up like a "son" to Peter and was "useful" to Paul.

¹³ *"She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does Mark my son."* I Peter 5:13

¹¹ *"Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry."*

II Timothy 4:11