

The Importance of “Faithful Men!” (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

- “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**” (2 Timothy 2:1-2)
- “The smallest one will become a clan, And the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time.” (Isaiah 60:22)
- **The story of Bill and three faithful men!** From Bill Bright and the three faithful men => to worldwide ministry of campus crusade for Christ. Over 19,000 staff in 190 countries in over 8000 campuses.


I) The Importance of “Faithful Men” from 2 Timothy 2:1-2!

A) They are essential to influence the next generation of believers!

- “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you” (John 17:20-21)

B) They will be the trained teachers (of the Word, life and ministry of Jesus Christ) and life examples to follow for the next generation!


- “Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage —with great patience and careful instruction.” (2 Timothy 4:2)



I) The Importance of “Faithful Men” from 2 Timothy 2:1-2!

C) They are the blessed generation to train future generations of faithful men!

- **“As for Me, this is My covenant with them,”** says the LORD: “My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart **from your mouth**, nor from the mouth of **your offspring**, nor from the mouth of **your offspring’s offspring**,” says the LORD, “from now and forever.” (Isaiah 59:21)
Ref: (Isaiah 60;22)



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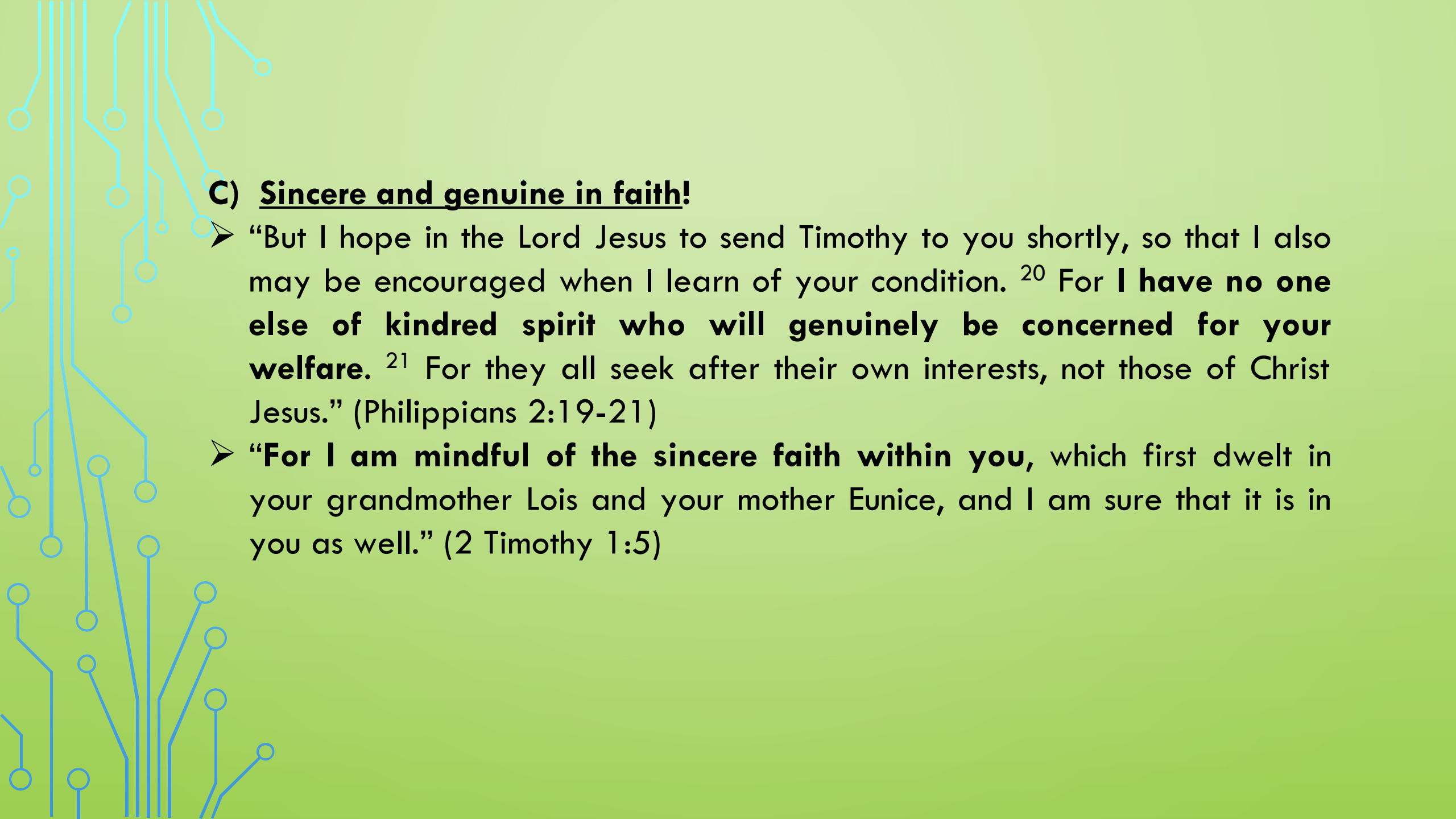
II) “Faithful Men” before being taught are...

A) Human beings with a nature like ours!

- “Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.” (James 5:17)

B) Teachable and trainable learners who know how to follow God’s sovereign human authority!

- “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1)
- “Obey your leaders and submit to them...” (Hebrews 13:17a)
- “Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.” (Hebrews 13:7)



C) Sincere and genuine in faith!

- “But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. ²⁰ For **I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.** ²¹ For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:19-21)
- “**For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you,** which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.” (2 Timothy 1:5)



D) Like children in Christ!

- “For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus **I became your father through the gospel.**
¹⁶ Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.” (1 Corinthians 4:15-16)
- “But you know of his proven worth, that **he served with me** in the furtherance of the gospel **like a child serving his father.**” (Philippians 2:22)

III) “Faithful Men” after being taught are...

A) Strong in Grace!

- “You therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.** ² The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:1-2)
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B) Those who know how to suffer for Christ! (Like good soldiers)


- “**Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.** ⁴ No soldier in **active service** entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.” (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

C) Those who know how to work hard! (Like Athletes, Hard-working Farmers)

- Also if anyone competes as **an athlete**, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ The **hard-working farmer** ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.” (2 Timothy 2:5-6)

D) Trained teachers and life examples for others (future generations) to follow!

- “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, **a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.**” (2 Timothy 2:15)
- “**All Scripture** is God-breathed and is **useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,** ¹⁷ so that **the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)



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