

Dear Tim,

REACHING OUR CITY ONE LIFE AT A TIME IN 2018

1. Pursue ONE unbeliever and become the best friend they've ever had.
2. Reach ONE person every DAY with a random act of kindness.
3. Minister to ONE person every WEEK you attend church.
4. Bring ONE new person to church every MONTH.
5. Lead ONE person to Jesus every YEAR and disciple them.

Part 1: Be Faithful

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1 Timothy 1:1-2 NLT This letter is from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, appointed by the command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus, who gives us hope. ²I am writing to Timothy, my true son in the faith. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

- Who has God put in your life for you to mentor?

1 Timothy 1:3-4 NLT When I left for Macedonia, I urged you to stay there in Ephesus and stop those whose teaching is contrary to the truth. ⁴Don't let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations, which don't help people live a life of faith in God.

1. What we believe determines how we _____.

1 John 4:1 NLT Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.

1 Timothy 1:5-7 NLT The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. ⁶But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions. ⁷They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they speak so confidently.

John 13:34 NLT So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

2. A lifestyle of love is the result of an obedient _____.
 - a) Pursue God with a pure heart.
 - b) Keep a clear conscience.

- Our conscience is our evil detector, sin deflector and mistake protector.

1 Timothy 1:18-19 Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles.¹⁹ Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.

c) Have genuine faith.

Ephesians 4:14 NLT

Ephesians 6:11-12 NLT

1 Timothy 1:8-1 We know that the law is good when used correctly.⁹ For the law was not intended for people who do what is right. It is for people who are lawless and rebellious, who are ungodly and sinful, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy, who kill their father or mother or commit other murders.¹⁰ The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching¹¹ that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God.

3. The law reveals our _____ nature.

Romans 3:20 NLT For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Romans 5:20 NLT God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

1 Timothy 1:12 NLT I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him,

4. Faithfulness is the pre-requisite for _____.

- God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called.

Philippians 2:13 NLT For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Hebrews 13:20-21 NLT

Philippians 2:20-22 NLT

- Character trumps _____.

Acts 6:3 NLT Select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom.

Acts 6:3 AMP Choose from among you seven men with good reputations [men of godly character and moral integrity], full of the Spirit and of wisdom,

Acts 6:3 MSG Choose seven men from among you whom everyone trusts, men full of the Holy Spirit and good sense,

1 Timothy 1:13-16a NLT Even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief.¹⁴ Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.¹⁵ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all.¹⁶ But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners.

1 Timothy 1:16 MSG: I'm proof—Public Sinner Number One—of someone who could never have made it apart from sheer mercy.

5. The failures of our past can never limit the _____ of our future faith.

1 Timothy 1:16b-17 NLT Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.¹⁷ All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

6. Our faith should become _____.

HOMEWORK: At every family meal this week, practice and help each other share your story and testimony of faith.