

I Corinthians 16:10-24/PART 1/ Behind The Scenes And What It Means For Us 9/6/25

Text Today: I Corinthians 16:10-14

I Cor. 15: 58 Since Christ is raised from the dead, we can be greatly motivated to surrender to Him, and fulfill the plan He has for each of us.

When you know Jesus, you want others to know Jesus.

We are always looking for those divine appointments that come up during the week. Having a tough time learning to walk with the Lord, (but also growing,) and then sharing the Lord with others will bring you trouble. The enemy does not want you to struggle to grow at all, but just give in and quit. He certainly hates it when you share your faith. But the joy of growing, and then sharing far outweighs any obstacle!

Last week we saw a bit of the war that goes on to get the Good News out there;

16:9 “for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.”

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16:10-11 Paul had spoken of sending Timothy to Corinth. **I Cor. 4:17**

Question: What about Timothy's personality might give him struggles?

I Timothy 4: 12 “Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.”

We get a real study in personalities in this last chapter. Contrast but unity. The mission is first and foremost!

Expositor's Greek N.T. - “(Timothy) ... was gentle, affectionate, studious, but not of a robust masculine character.”

Timothy was not the bold Apollos, or the powerful and encouraging Barnabas. So important to realize that we all have a part to play with our gifts from the Holy Spirit, and our redeemed personalities! Personalities in the process of being freed from self-serving!

Question: Ever felt like you did not measure up to what the church needed? Or just a nagging feeling that you do not fit in anywhere?

Ex. "Place In This World" Michael W. Smith Number 6 on the "Billboard Hot 100." Remained on the chart for 21 weeks!

For Timothy to have to go up against some in the Corinthian church would be a challenge for Him. Paul was disrespected by several of them, but had no problem in defending himself, whereas Timothy was not so good at doing that.

After the dust settled we would find Timothy always on task, relentless with the right motive and full knowledge of the truth.

Ex. Philippians 2:19-23 What a compliment! All ministry comes down to the motive of the heart. On that score, Timothy was par excellence!

16:12 Apollos! Acts 18: 24-28 A "green-light" man!

Note the freedom of conscience among the leaders. Paul urged him, but did not make him go. Paul trusted God working in all the leaders. Just as Paul did not take over the offering to Jerusalem, but respected who they might appoint for the task (16:1-5).

16:13-14 Short pithy statements really help us when things get hard and move fast!

Ex. I Thessalonians 5: 16-22

Ex. I Peter 2: 17

Ex. Mel Barker – "Smoke em', if you got em'."

16: 13-14 is a counter to the childishness of the Corinthians. So easily distracted by the shiny things of the world. So into their own self-fulfillment!

Ex. 1 Cor. 13:11, 14:20 The childishness of the Corinthians