

The Apprentice: a Person Specification

Read 1 Timothy 1:3-11

Has anyone had an experience of being an apprentice or something similar? What did you do? What was it like?

If you had to write a person specification for an apprentice of any kind, what would it include?

In what ways are these the same or different from the qualities of a Christian "apprentice?"

What kinds of "false teaching" do we encounter today? What are our equivalent of myths and endless genealogies and controversial speculations? v3-4

Paul says that the goal of his command to Timothy is love. Sound doctrine, is not an end in itself. We are called to be "right and romantic" (sound doctrine leading to agape love).

Life Group Questions w/c 15/04/18

Do you have the balance right in your own life? Which side do you tend to come down on? What about our church as a whole? v 5-7

What is the purpose of the law (the Ten Commandments) ? v8-10 How are we to use it? How can we misuse it?

In what sense is the gospel the "glory of the blessed God" v11?

Simon suggested four qualities that Timothy required and the we require today: Courage, love, conformity, trustworthiness. Which of these most challenges you?

Take some time to pray these qualities into one another's lives.