

SERMON SERIES: Expectations: Be Reliable
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Key Line

God expects us to live our life in a way that will lead others to Him

Introduction

To be reliable means you are trusted and dependable.

- What was your first job? What were your responsibilities? Were you a reliable employee?
- In what areas of life are people counting on you? Do you find it stressful to live up to the high expectations people may have of you?

Seek the Word

As a reminder, the Apostle Paul wrote this letter while he was in prison, waiting to be executed. He was encouraging and entrusting his protegee, Timothy, in the truth of the Gospel.

- Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2. What did Scott say was the meaning behind the word “entrust.” *(In those times, a person would “entrust” his home and all his worldly possessions to someone when they went on a long journey.)*
- Read 2 Timothy 2:3-6. What three groups of people did Paul use to illustrate reliability and why? *(A soldier: because they stay focused on their duty. They don’t let distractions of the world deter them from their work. An athlete: because in those days, an athlete had to take an oath to abide by the rules. A farmer: because farming takes hard work.)*
- Read 2 Timothy 2: 7-10. What was Paul reminding Timothy in this passage? *(Jesus is the ultimate example. As fully God, Jesus conquered death. But he was descended from David, which meant he was fully man. His life is the example we should follow.)*
 - What does Paul say about God’s word in this passage? *(It can’t be chained.)* What does that mean to you?
 - Why is Paul willing to endure prison and death? *(So that the chosen may obtain the salvation that is in Christ.)*
- Read 2 Timothy 2:15. What does Paul want us to do? *(Present ourselves to God as one approved, not ashamed, and one who correctly handles the word of truth.)*
 - What is the word of truth? *(The Gospel of Jesus and the Bible.)*

Talk About It

What are three areas we can be leaders in our lives?

- Lead in your family. How can you be an example of Christ to your family?
- Lead our friends. Invest in them, invite them towards Jesus. Who is the one life you can impact? How can you reflect your faith in Christ, not by words, but your actions?
- Lead in your church family. Is there a next step you can take within the church to help in a ministry?