
Ordinary People ... Extraordinary God

"Timothy: A Living Sacrifice"

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2 Timothy 4:1-5

Introduction: Today we are continuing our study entitled "Ordinary People ... Extraordinary God."

1. So far, we have considered:
 - The 12 Apostles
 - Aquila and Priscilla
 - Ananias and Barnabas
2. Today we consider Timothy and how he exemplifies what it means to be a living sacrifice.
3. Paul introduced this term in Romans 12:1, but the concept was always a part of the gospel.
4. Jesus taught us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him.
5. He cautioned us, should we save our lives for ourselves, we'd lose it. But if we lose our lives for Christ's sake, we will find it.
6. In Timothy, an ordinary person, we see God doing extraordinary things because Timothy became a living sacrifice.
7. As we consider his spiritual journey, we can better learn what that means.

I. Timothy's Conversion

- A. Pre-evangelism
- B. Conversion
- C. Growth/Potential

II. Timothy's Training

- A. Partnership
- B. Delegation
- C. Experience

III. Timothy's Life

- A. Becoming A Leader
- B. Replacing A Hero

Conclusion: We don't have any information as to how Timothy's journey ends.

1. What we do have is a record of his life from when he met Paul till he replaced Paul.
 - This was a span of some 18 years.
 - They were not easy years.
2. How did he navigate the stressors he faced to become the Timothy who replaced Paul?
3. He presented himself to God as a living sacrifice, renewed that commitment each day, denied himself, took up his cross, and followed God.
4. We would do well to follow his example!