

PREPARING GOSPEL MINISTERS THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH
2 Timothy 2:1-2

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- I. Gospel ministers are prepared in the Context of Relationships
 - A. Paul's relationship with Timothy

 - B. The preparation of Gospel ministers must always be in the context of personal relationships.

- II. Gospel ministers are prepared in the Content of Truth
 - A. Paul's message to Timothy

 - B. The preparation of Gospel ministers must include the content of Truth

- III. Gospel ministers are prepared for the Commitment of Truth
 - A. Paul's exhortation to Timothy
 - 1. The message of Christ must be placed into the care of others.

 - 2. The message of Christ must be placed into the care of faithful men.

3. The message of Christ must be placed into the care of faithful men who are able to teach others.
- B. The preparation of Gospel ministers must include a commitment of Truth.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

The Trellis and the Vine, by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne

The Disciple-Making Pastor, by Bill Hull

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INTERN ASSESSMENT FORM

This assessment form is designed for the purposes of accountability, encouragement, transparency, and reflection. It is a valuable tool in helping develop faithful men for Gospel ministry.

Love for God

1. Does he evidence consistent communion with God?
2. Does he frequently and naturally talk of God and His glory in normal conversations?
3. Does he display a passion for God?

Love for People

1. Does he evidence a general and natural inclination toward people, including a warmth that makes him approachable?
2. Does he have the ability to bring God's Word to bear on people's lives in order to help them grow?
3. Is he a good listener?
4. Is he hospitable?
5. Does he display wisdom and patience in dealing with people, including those who disagree with him?

General Character

1. Is he a positive person?
2. Does he pursue input from others?
3. Does he receive correction graciously and gratefully?
4. Does he evidence integrity in his life and doctrine?
5. Is he a servant?

Character at Home

1. Does he display a gentle love for his wife?
2. Does he lead his wife with tender care?
3. Does he study her in order to dwell with her according to knowledge?
4. Does his wife understand and model submission to him?
5. Does he take initiative to discipline and love his children?

Personal Character

1. Does he manage his time, finances, and body well?
2. Does he display a recognition of and respect for older men?
3. Does he react to the changes of life with flexibility or is he rigid and demanding?

Evidence of God's hand on his life

1. Does he evidence a general giftedness toward shepherding?
2. Does he display an ease in ascertaining God's will?
3. Does he readily display God's glory and grace in his life?

Love for Sound Doctrine

1. Does he display a passion for studying the Scriptures?
2. Does he grasp theological issues and communicate them clearly?
3. Does he discern well the applications of doctrine to real life circumstances?
4. Does he demonstrate good skills for exegesis and hermeneutics?
5. Does he have a good working understanding of biblical and systematic theology?

Preaching/Teaching

1. Is he Christ-centered?
2. Does he state his thoughts in public clearly, passionately, and with practical application?
3. Does he illustrate well the truth he is teaching?
4. Is he flexible and sensitive to the moving of the Spirit?

Vision Casting

1. Does he possess vision and direction for ministry?
2. Does he inspire people toward that vision with ease and clarity?
3. Does he have a contagious enthusiasm and excitement that is transferable to others?

Discipleship and Ability to Develop Leadership

1. Does he quickly see the potential and giftedness of others?
2. Does he attract and attain the confidence of other men of leadership caliber?
3. Does he involve himself in the lives of others?

Leadership Skills

1. Does he make decisions and prioritize well?
2. Does he see the big picture?
3. Does he strategize in a way that welcomes input from team members?
4. Does he accurately assess people and circumstances?