

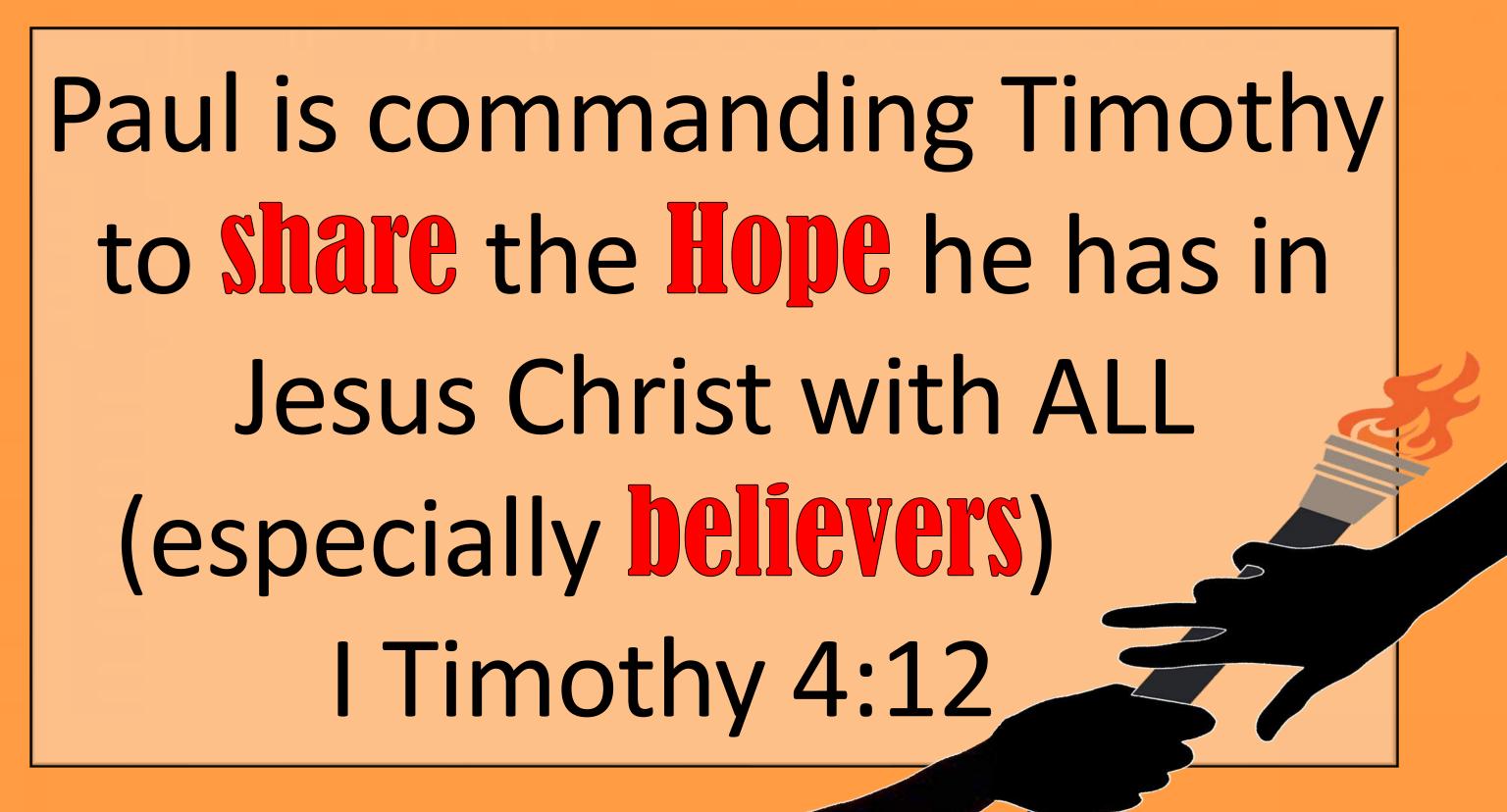
PASSING THE TORCH A Study in First Timothy

I Timothy 4:11-16



PRESCRIBE & TEACH THESE THINGS

"Prescribe" = to command, order, charge, declare I Timothy 4:10



It's probable that Timothy was about 30 when he's receiving this letter from Paul

What Paul's saying is let vour actions speak louder than your Words I Timothy 4:12

What you say & how you live your life should display: Christlike love through your faith & in a life that's pure I Timothy 4:13

Reading God's Word is crucial for us on BOTH a public & a private level.

Starting with the **Source** of Truth (God's Word) we are able to exhort (encourage/build up) & teach (instruct) others I Timothy 4:14

The idea of "neglecting" is really to let something lay dormant (unused)_

None of us should be letting those things entrusted to us by God (those gifts) just sit unused

There were clearly other elders ("the presbytery") who examined Timothy & together recognized God's Call in his life

I Timothy 4:15 "Take Pains" = to Meditate; to carefully consider (in the mind) I Timothy 4:16 Romans 8:37-39

We can face uncertain times because we know Who holds tomorrow (this reality helps us to persevere in the tough times)

I Timothy 4:16 Works NEVER produce salvation, but works are a way to see the fruit of someone's salvation

Our lives have the potential to draw people toward a right relationship with Jesus Christ

SO WHAT?