

Thursday, June 28

Read II Timothy 1:1-14. Paul offered four reminders to Timothy that would aid Timothy throughout his life and ministry. First was recharge your batteries and second was don't apologize for your faith. The first reminder is more important than many of us might believe. The phrases "recharge your batteries" or "rekindle the gift of God that is within you" can have many different meanings. Those meanings can range from getting more rest to seeking to deepen one's relationship with God. This first reminder is connected to the second because to keep your "batteries charged" can create a life of faith for which you should not have to apologize. A life of faith connects with charged batteries in terms of attending to what is really essential in life: relationships! Our relationships with God and each other are really all we have of permanence in this life. Money will be spent, work will end and accolades will be laid aside. What are our thoughts? Mediate on these ideas and write your ideas here.

Friday, June 29

The third and fourth reminder that Paul offers is third, check yourself and others, and protect what you have. These reminders connected to each other in a significant way. Checking yourself and others refers to the protecting of core values that define who each us is and what we will accomplish in life. Of course, observing our core values requires that we identify and list those values. It is a good exercise to list our core values and review them from time to time. Then ask yourself do these values protect the life that I want to live in relationship to God and others? This is not a task that can be done in a few minutes or words. Take some time, work of the task of listing your core values and plan how you will live out those values. Begin and may God bless you!

Message Notes June 7, 2026

Parting Words for Young Disciples *

- I. This last year of my full-time ordained ministry is it is a year of _____.
 - A. I've thought about what I've said, over the years, to hundreds of graduates, as we _____ their accomplishments, _____ them and sent them into the world for the next chapter of their lives.
 - B. I ran across an old book titled, *Dictionary of* _____ by Edward Le Compte.
 1. Sometimes, _____ words are filled with _____, even penitence.
 2. Compte makes the observation, "Perhaps most interesting of all, _____ words sometimes tell of the experience of _____."
- II. When the words of our scripture lesson for today were written, the _____ knew he was going to _____.
 - A. I am interested in what Paul has to say to his _____ colleague before the end arrives.
 - B. Timothy served with Paul in _____ for about three years and was no doubt with him on many of Paul's _____.
 - a. Timothy might have been _____ or uncomfortable with _____.
 - b. Timothy's health was _____.
 - C. Facing impending death, Paul looked to the _____, entrusting the _____ of the church to the next generation of _____ and _____, including Timothy.
- III. Paul's last words to that generation, to Timothy, and I believe to us, can be summed up in _____.

- A. First, recharge your _____.
- B. Second, Paul would say, “Don’t _____.”
- C. Third, _____ yourself and _____ others.
- D. Fourth and finally, Paul reminded Timothy and us to _____ what you have.

- IV. Church tradition indicates that Timothy faithfully followed Paul’s _____. He was the _____ of Ephesus for many years.
- A. Paul wrote, “I have fought the good _____, I have finished the _____, I have kept the _____.” (II Timothy 4:7)
 - B. That is exactly what Timothy did, and 2000 years later, we’re still _____ about him.
 - C. They gave their _____ so that you could _____ your life in a way that others will talk about for 30, 40, 70 years from now.
 - D. I will end with the final word of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism: _____ of all, _____ is with us!”

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, June 25

The Message began with words offered by notable people in history. No doubt, we have all experience words of wisdom and guidance from people in our lives. Although the word of trusted mentors, teachers, parents and friends are not as public as others,

they are no less meaningful. Think about those who have guided you throughout your life, who shared their wisdom with you. What are some of those teachings that still hold meaning for you? Meditate upon those words, make some notes of them here and write your reflections as well.

Tuesday, June 26

Pastor Jack mentioned a book that was first published in 1955: Edward Le Compte’s *Dictionary of Last Words*. Why do you believe “Last Words” would be of interest to those of us who survive those who have breathed their last? Are they more meaningful? Are the words of those who are dying more focused? We Christians often have an entire service during Holy Week (the week before Easter) devoted to the last words of Jesus. That service focuses on the final seven phrases that Jesus uttered from the cross. Meditate on these questions, pray for God’s wisdom and guidance and write your thoughts here.

Wednesday, June 27

Read II Timothy 1:1-14. If you have time in the remainder of this week, you may want to read the entire four chapters of this letter Paul wrote to his young colleague, Timothy. Paul obviously has great affection for Timothy as he declares timothy to be his beloved child; not biological but beloved child. We find out much about Timothy from Paul’s writings such as Timothy might have been introverted and not as ease with others. (I Corinthians 16:10). Apparently, Timothy’s health was compromised in some way (I Timothy 5:23). Paul put a great deal of trust in Timothy and that the future of the church was in good hands (II Timothy 1:12). Think about your relationship with mentors, teachers and colleagues. What was the nature of your relationship with them? What level of trust have you given them? What made your

relationships special? Write your ideas here giving thanks to God for these relationships.