

Always Faithful

Introduction. One of the biggest issues a congregation faces is how to help young people remain faithful to God. You need to see that, as you are making your way in life, faithfulness to God is the most important objective in your life. Theodore Roosevelt said, "It is better to be faithful than famous." There really is nothing unremarkable about the tips to remaining "always faithful." At least one suggestion can be found in each chapter of 1 Timothy.

I. ***Thank Jesus Daily (1 Timothy 1:12-17)***

- A. We should always be thankful because of what we used to be.
- B. You could call Paul "the worst of the worst," but God saved him through the grace of Jesus Christ.

II. ***Trust God (1 Timothy 2:1-7)***

- A. Trust can certainly be expressed by talking to God in prayer.
- B. Paul covered a lot of areas in this suggestion, showing that we need to pray a lot and in a lot of different areas.

III. ***Think Ahead (1 Timothy 3:1-13)***

- A. Every young man and woman should plan to be an elder or deacon or a godly wife as they get older.
- B. These qualifications take time and decided effort to develop.

IV. ***Raise The Bar (1 Timothy 4:12-16)***

- A. Your youthfulness can be a good asset if you will not succumb to lowered expectations.
- B. Careful attendance to doctrine and teaching people will produce tremendous strength.

V. ***Honor Elders (1 Timothy 5:1-2)***

- A. The older members of a congregation need to be respected.
- B. Their wisdom can help immeasurably in your life.

VI. ***Garner Treasure (1 Timothy 6:6-19)***

- A. The greatest treasure to work toward is salvation now, not money.
- B. If one is blessed with money because of hard work and good circumstances, then they should not be covetous but use it to help others.

Conclusion. If you were inside the cockpit of an airplane just before liftoff, you would hear the copilot or captain call out, "V₁," which means the "point of no return." As the airplane accelerates toward the end of the

runway, the pilot must decide if the plane is moving fast enough for a safe takeoff. The pilot holds the throttle as the plane approaches the V_1 speed so that the takeoff can be aborted if something goes wrong. After V_1 , the plane must take off.

Christians also have a " V_1 " commitment. Once we have obeyed Christ in baptism, we have reached the point of no return. We need to adjust our sights, apply full throttle, and take off (Psalm 31:23; Matthew 25:21).

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