



Exploring Paul's Letters to Timothy

Passing the Baton

1 Timothy 1:5

"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

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Following the map of Paul's race (2 Tim 4:7)

The importance of passing the baton to others

Children in the faith (1 Tim 1:2; 2 Tim 2:2)

Background on the letters to Timothy

The Aim of Our Charge is Love

To what end do we strive for maturity?

The Two Great Commandments (Matt 22:37)

Self-sacrifice as the evidence of love (John 15:13)

Other intermediary aims: safety, joy, healing, order

Means to love

The metaphor of the marksman

READY!

A pure heart

The new heart center (Ezekiel 36:25-27)

Freed from the necessity of selfishness (Romans 6:22)

The rifle now in hand

AIM!

A good conscience

God's proxy monitoring the secrets of the heart

(Rom 2:15,16)

Hypocrisy sears the conscience (1 Tim 4:2)

The bad eye (Matt 6:22,23)

A miscalibrated rifle scope

FIRE!

A sincere faith

Risk-taking banking on God's reality

(1 Timothy 1:18; 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6)

Bullseye!

The siphon principle

This week's CHECKLIST