

PM would often say to Pastors: “*You minister who you are*”

So this simple statement teaches us that we will impart & transmit what we are (*good & bad*) and that we will **not** be able to impart & transmit what we are missing.

In our text Paul speaks to Timothy about this idea of impartation. Its a key to successful Discipleship. If we are going to effectively disciple- Then we are going to need to own spiritual things.

2 Timothy 2:2 *And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

I Ministry is Spiritual:

A- Ministry is more than just about things you do-

1. *I pray, read bible, preach, counsel, outreach, follow up, organize-* Etc.

a. I do all these things b/c I am a pastor.

2. Those things we do in ministry are Spiritual. They're Supernatural.

a. **2Cor10:4** *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*

i. Its not something simply exercised in the flesh- Its something Supernatural, with Spiritual Power.

3. Hx: Timothy was sent to pastor a leadership church, & oversee area churches; He was facing false doctrine, immorality, rebellion... He needed supernatural help & enablement.

B- So, not only is ministry supernatural; But Discipleship is supernatural.

1. The ability to cultivate men fit for ministry is more than teaching them methods, liturgies, and formulas.

a. Discipleship is a Supernatural dimension.

i. **2Kings2:9** *Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.* HOW? By a supernatural moment.

b. Maybe 1 year after getting to Roc. I had a disciple tell me: *Thank God I didn't get sent out before you came, ministry was all in my head, a program, a business... I didn't have a revelation on the spiritual side of ministry.*

2. So; Discipleship must be contended for, and established. Discipleship is a spirit & and atmosphere.

a. **Is6:8** *Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"* Here its the spirit of God calling, beckoning men to respond.

II Spiritual Deposits:

A- Not only is there a need to establish discipleship; theres also a need to make a deposit into your men-

1. V2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

a. The word Commit means: *to make a Deposit*. We use words like Impartation & Transmission.

b. At the bank you can only deposit what belongs to you, and withdraw only what belongs to you.

2. So; we pass who we are, & what we are to others.

a. **Matt11:29** *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,* Here Jesus speaks about discipleship- Learn from me.

b. Jesus gave them what they needed to be effective. **Luke 10:19** *Behold, I give you the authority.* I GIVE YOU-

B- So; **Part of transmission involves possession: You have to own it if your going to be able to give it.**

1. This is why you need dominion in life: Marriage, Parenting, Finances, Fruitfulness, Character, Over Sin.

2. B/c if you do not have it- possess it- own it- you will not be able to give it.

a. **Acts 19:15** *And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"*

i. This is an example of 7 sons of a Jewish Priest name Sceva; tried to exercise spiritual authority they didn't have

3. So; Unless you own some spiritual things you will not be able to impart (*disciple/deposit*) to other men.

III Building Up Your Spiritual Account:

A- So; Wisdom says: Build up now. *If you are going to minister what you are- What do your deposits look like today?*

1. How do we build up?

a. Test these things now: You have opportunity to TEST your effectiveness. Opportunity that men dream of-

b. Pray for it: Ask God to give you what you're lacking- *He may bring you through some things to put it in-*

c. Ask questions: About anything & everything. The disciples learned the most when they asked.