

## Growing in these things & passing them on: Viral 2 Tim 2:2 ministry

Be constantly growing – 2 Tim. 1:6 – cf. 1 Tim. 4:13-15

Don't be a one sermon man<sup>1</sup> – be like Dick Lucas who in his 90s is always fresh<sup>2</sup>

Be strengthened – 2 Tim. 2:1

'You then...' – getting to the substance of the letter

Tim is weak; Even young men shall fall exhausted; Paul needed to be refreshed (2 Tim. 1:16)

The key to the 7 imperatives – Entrust, Share, Think, Remember, Remind, Do your best, Flee

What is grace? (2 Tim. 1:8-10)

Present grace from the crucified, risen, returning Christ

Present grace as we read the letters of Paul (cf. 2 Tim. 1:2; 4:22)

Grace and strength to entrust

First of the imperatives – the great task of the man of God; part of his DNA (Navigators); to be constantly on his radar (looking for young men to invest in); to be part of his week; integral to his ministry; not doing all himself but connecting people with other people; choosing a few men to mentor

Heard from me – the content is the divine gospel (2 Tim. 2:8; Gal. 1; Rom. 3; Phil. 3); supremacy of Christ (Col. 1); how to order the church which is the buttress of the gospel; suffering (cf. Acts 14); Christian character/godliness/holiness; future

Presence of witnesses – corporate, solemn, truth

Entrust – infinitely precious

Faithful – need to have future-focused faith in Christ, trustworthy, tested

Men – probably particularly men – particularly for Timothy – but important point is People – invest in people, not just systems and organisations – ministry is people ministry, pass on a passion (cf. 2 Cor. 8:16)

Who will be able to teach others – able, confident, understands, gifted, patient, positioned

This was Paul's great concern – to pass on the baton – 2 Tim. 4:5-6

- Pray that this would be our long term mind-set
- Pray regularly for God to guide to right people
- Start doing it now! Who? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Further reading: [Mentoring 101](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. Richard Bewes (who grew up in Kenya at the time of the East African Revival) speaking on preaching ([mp3](#) especially from 43 minutes).

<sup>2</sup> See <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/help-me-teach-the-bible-dick-lucas-on-what-makes-an-excellent-teacher>.