

2 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2

"Patient, Gentle, Kind"

The title "Patient, Gentle, Kind" comes from 2 Timothy 2 v24-25

"The Lord's servant must not quarrel but instead must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose must be gently instructed in the hope that they will be lead into a knowledge of the truth"

This is a "summary verse" at the end of the chapter. The whole chapter is about the qualities needed to teach the Christian faith so it is passed on. From my sermon last week, it is about the qualities of "a trustee" v14. We hold the "deposit of truth" now and pass it on to the next generation.

The chapter is addressed to a 'Church Leader' because that is what Timothy is but this chapter can be applied to us all. We are all involved in transmitting the gospel.

There are five images:

A soldier

An athlete

A farmer

A good worker (a workman approved)

Household articles – noble and ignoble

There is a motto v10

"I endure everything for the sake of the elect"

v23 is about 'focus' - don't get diverted.

Avoid those things which lead to quarrels