

## GREATEST INVESTMENT

*From the series – 1 TIMOTHY: EVERY MOMENT, EVERY DAY*

### SUMMARY...

We live in a world that invites and encourages us to invest all of who we are – our time, talents, treasure and the like, securing a net worth that will leave us comfortable and taken care of. But is this truly the greatest investment we could make? The Apostle Paul would say absolutely not. Through his relationship with Timothy, we catch a glimpse of the greatest investment we can make – spiritual parenting. You won't find that in any investment's books, but you will find this concept throughout God's Word. Investing in others, that is to say, spiritual parenting (also called "discipling") is the great investment we can make this side of heaven, and this is exactly what we see Paul doing for Timothy.

### REFLECT...

According to current culture, what is the "greatest investment" we can make? Think about a time when you were drawn into a "great investment," and how that turned out.

### LEARN... BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. In [1 Timothy 1:2](#) – we are introduced to the idea of 'spiritual parenting' as Paul refers to Timothy as his 'true son in the faith.' To best understand 'spiritual parenting' we must first understand the significance of being 'born again.' Read [John 3:1-6](#). How should being 'born again' influence and shape our understanding of 'spiritual parenting'?
2. When Paul first meets Timothy in [Acts 16:1-3](#), what was it about Timothy that led Paul to invite him to go on a journey with him? What is it about Timothy's background that would have helped further the gospel message, both amongst Jews and Gentiles?
3. Paul speaks of Timothy, his 'son in the faith' with great affection – see [Philippians 2:20-22](#) & [1 Corinthians 4:17](#). How do these verses help us understand that no matter our spiritual age, we will always be both 'Timothy' and 'Paul'? Considering where you are today spiritually speaking, do you relate more with Timothy (hungry to be poured into) or with Paul (hungry to pour into others)?
4. If there is a desire within us to be 'poured into' and the desire to 'pour into' others, why doesn't this happen? What holds us back or hinders us from receiving 'spiritual parenting'? Similarly, what holds us back or hinders us from serving as a 'spiritual parent'?

### TAKE a NEXT STEP...

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