

A decorative arrangement of autumn-themed elements including various leaves in shades of green, yellow, and orange, along with small red berries and a brown nut, all set against a soft, painterly background of warm colors.

# 2024 FALL RETREAT

Timothy

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A Young Man in  
God's Plan

## **2024 Fall Retreat Schedule**

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

- 05:00 PM – Check in to the Camp
- 07:30 PM – Message 1
- 09:00 PM – Evening Activities
- 10:00 PM – Go to cabins and prepare for bedtime
- 11:00 PM – Lights out

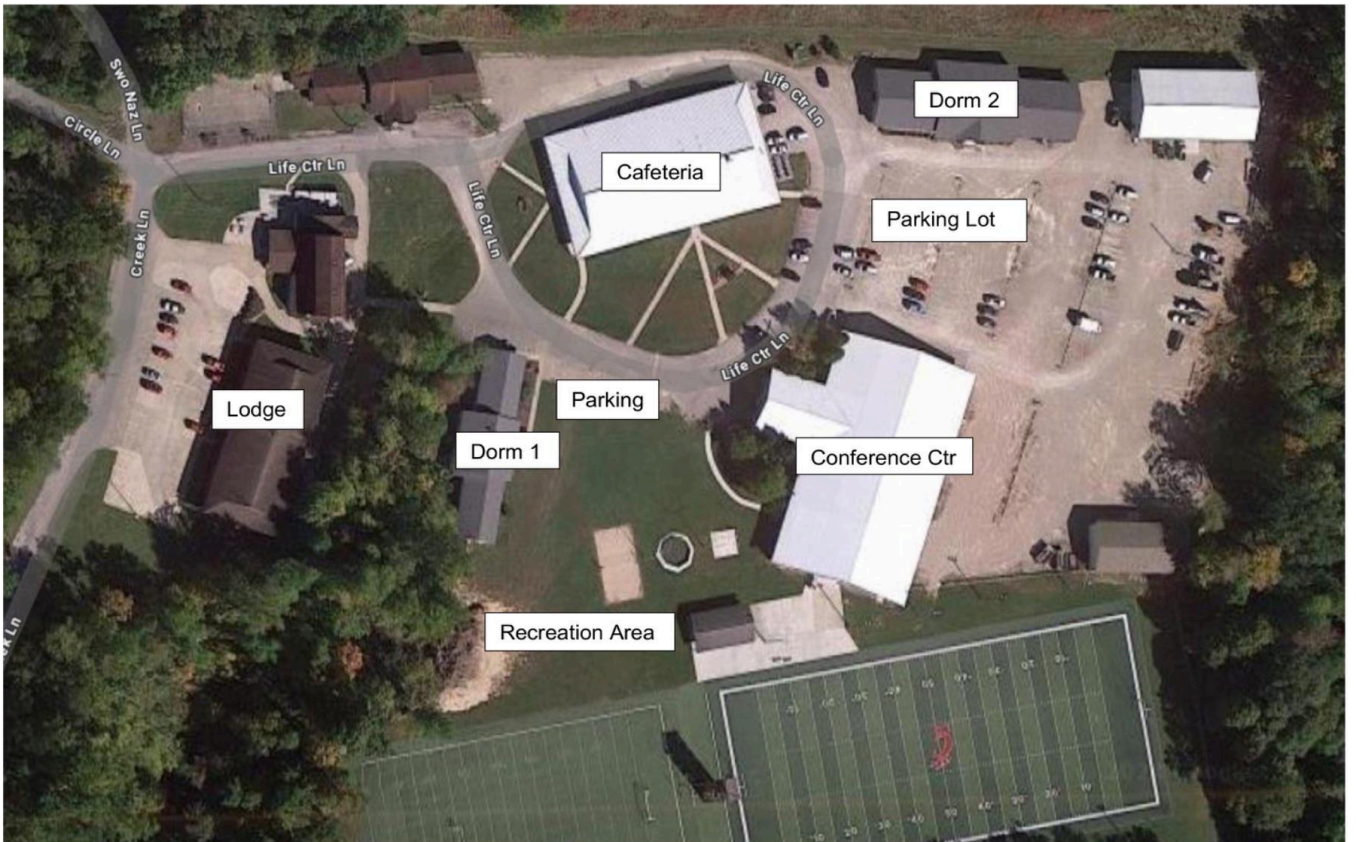
### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

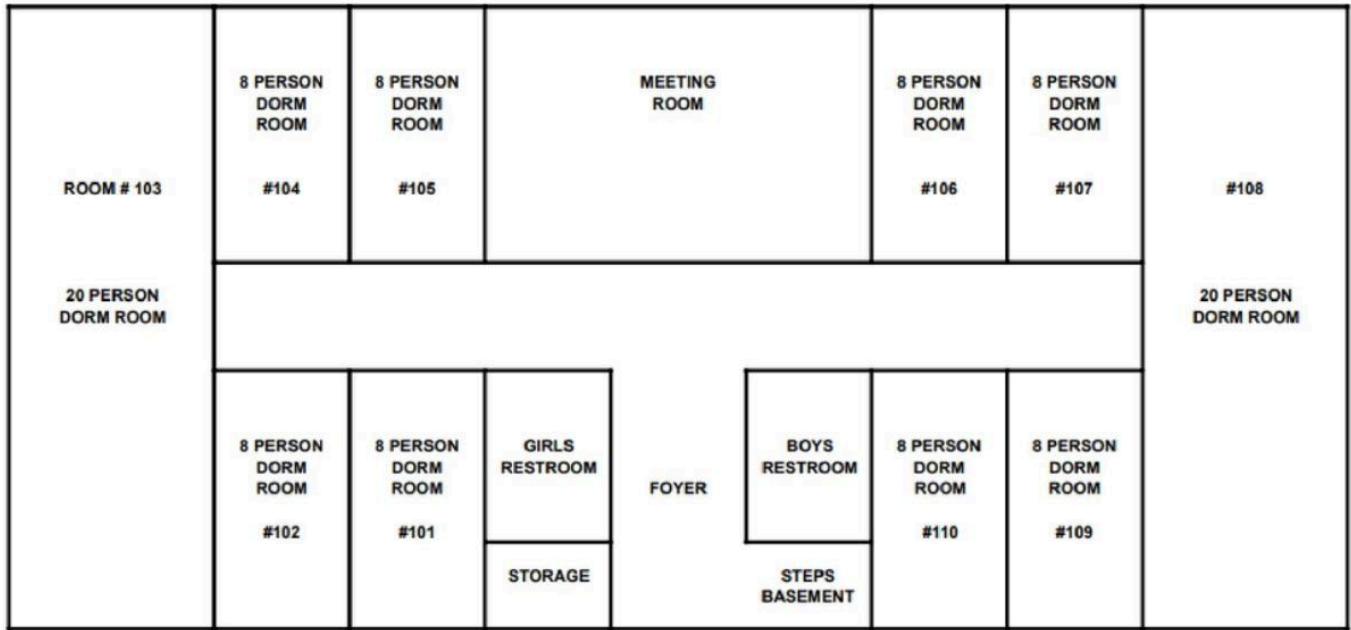
- 07:00 AM – Wakeup and Get dressed
- 08:00 AM – Breakfast
- 09:30 AM – Message 2
- 10:30 AM – Group Time
- 11:30 AM – Break
- 12:00 PM – Lunch
- 01:00 PM – Organized Activities
- 02:00 PM – Open Activities/Recreation
- 04:30 PM – Clean up and Rest
- 05:30 PM – Dinner
- 07:00 PM – Message 3
- 08:30 PM – Bonfire/Evening Activities
- 10:00 PM – Go to cabins and prepare for bedtime
- 11:00 PM – Lights out

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

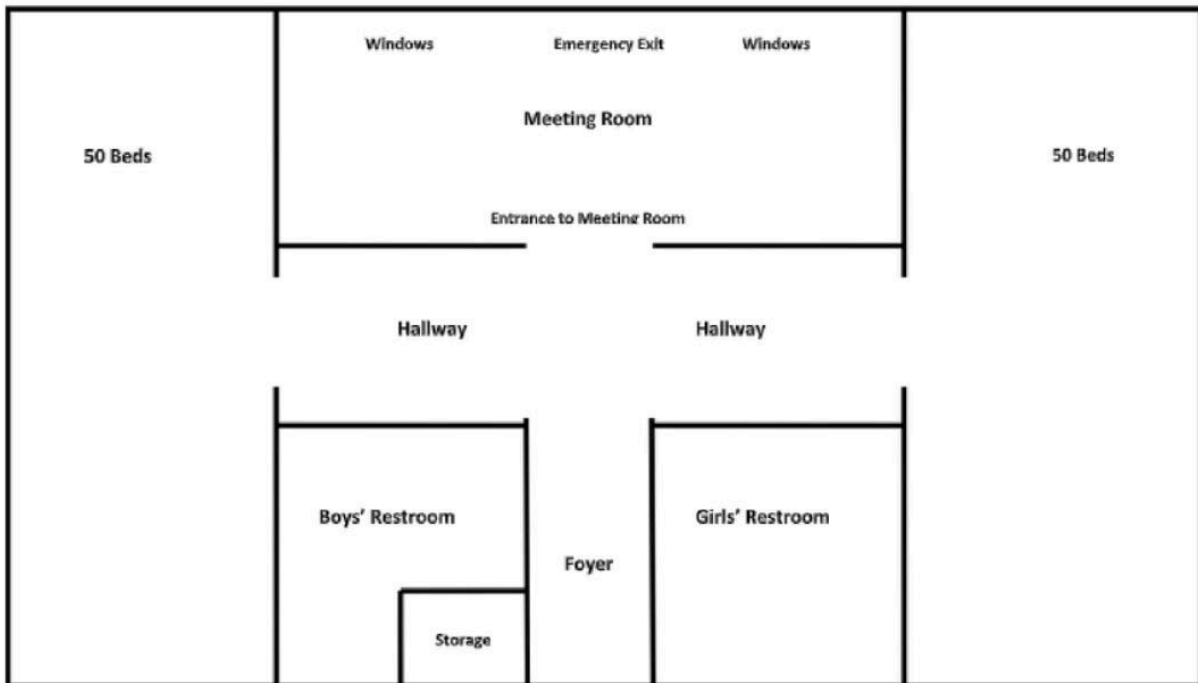
- 07:00 AM – Wakeup and Get dressed
- 08:00 AM – Breakfast
- 09:30 AM – Message 4
- 10:30 AM – Overflow Time
- 11:30 AM – Break
- 12:00 PM – Lunch
- 03:00 PM – Cleanup, check out, leave camp

## MAPS AND DORM ARRANGEMENTS





**DORM 1 FLOORPLAN ~ 104 Capacity**  
 THIS DORM HAS AN ACTIVITY ROOM LOCATED IN BASEMENT



**Dorm 2 Floorplan - 100 person Capacity**

## Message One

### God's Eternal Economy

Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 1:3-5, 19; 3:9; Eph. 1:10, 3:9

- I. The subject of 1 Timothy is God's economy concerning the church—1 Tim. 1:3-5:**
- A. “Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than **God's economy**, which is in faith”—1 Tim 1:4.
  - B. The Greek word for “economy” in 1 Timothy 1:4 is *oikonomia* and is composed of two words—*oikos*, meaning house or household, and *nomos*, meaning law. Economy, therefore, is a “house law,” a household administration.
  - C. God's eternal economy is His household administration to dispense Himself in Christ into His chosen people that He may have a house to express Himself, which house is the church, the Body of Christ.
  - D. Unless we know God's economy, we will not understand the Bible; the central subject of the Bible is the economy of God, and the entire Bible is concerned with the economy of God—Luke 24:45; Job 10:13; cf. Eph. 3:9.
- II. The faith, the contents of the complete gospel according to God's New Testament economy—1 Tim. 1:19; 3:9; Titus 1:4:**
- A. The Bible is the complete divine revelation inspired word-by-word by God—2 Tim. 3:16.
  - B. God is uniquely one, yet triune—Father, Son, and Spirit—1 Tim. 2:5; Matt. 28:19.
  - C. God was incarnated to be a man (Jesus Christ)—John 1:1, 14.
  - D. Christ died on the cross for our sins, shedding His blood for our redemption—1 Cor. 15:3.
  - E. Christ resurrected from among the dead on the third day—1 Cor. 15:4.
  - F. Christ ascended to the right hand of God to be the Lord of all—Acts 1:9.
  - G. When any person repents to God and believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, he is regenerated and becomes a member of the Body of Christ—Acts 20:21.
  - H. Christ is coming again—1 Thes. 2:19.



## Message One Verses

**1 Tim. 1:3** Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things

**1 Tim. 1:4** Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

**1 Tim. 1:5** But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and [out of] a good conscience and [out of] unfeigned faith;

**1 Tim. 1:19** Holding faith and a good conscience, [concerning] which some, thrusting [these] away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith;

**1 Tim. 3:9** Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

**Eph. 1:10** Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

**Eph. 3:9** And to enlighten all [that they may see] what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

**Luke 24:45** Then He opened their mind to understand the Scriptures;

**Job 10:13** But You have hidden these things in Your heart; / I know that this is with You:

**Titus 1:4** To Titus, genuine child according to the common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

**2 Tim. 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

**Matt. 28:19** Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

**1 Cor. 15:3** For I delivered to you, first of all, that which also I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

**1 Cor. 15:4** And that He was buried, and that He has been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures;

**Acts 20:21** Solemnly testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance unto God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

**1 Thes. 2:19** For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at His coming? Are not even you?

## Message Two

### **Exercising Our Spirit, Dealing with Our Conscience, Being Purified in Our Heart**

Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 4:7; 2 Tim. 1:6-7; 1 Tim. 1:19; 3:9; 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:22

- I. The way to participate in God's dispensing of Himself into us is to exercise ourselves unto godliness, that is, to exercise our human spirit that is mingled with God the Spirit—1 Tim. 4:7:**
  - A. Godliness is a living that expresses God, which is the issue of His dispensing of Himself into us; this dispensing depends on the exercise of our spirit.
  - B. Exercise implies forcing; if we want to grow with the Lord, we have to force ourselves to use our spirit and build up a habit of living according to our spirit.
  - C. To exercise our spirit is to fan it into flame—2 Tim. 1:6-7.
    1. We exercise our spirit by calling on the name of the Lord—2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Cor. 12:3.
    2. We should pray at all times and in every place—1 Tim. 2:8; Eph. 6:18.
  - D. We need to exercise our spirit in all things in our daily life to live a life of godliness.
  
- II. The way to participate in God's dispensing of Himself into us is to deal with our conscience through the application of the efficacious blood of Jesus—1 Tim. 1:19; 3:9:**
  - A. The conscience is the leading part of our spirit and is the gateway to our experiences of Christ—Rom. 9:1.
  - B. We need to maintain a good and pure conscience, a conscience without offense and without mixture—1 Tim. 1:19; Acts 23:1; 24:16; 1 Tim. 3:9.
  - C. Holding to faith and a good conscience is a safeguard to our Christian faith and life—1 Tim. 1:19; 3:9; 4:1-2.
  - D. We deal with the conscience by confessing our sins and allowing the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from all unrighteousness—1 John 1:7, 9.
  
- III. The way to participate in God's dispensing of Himself into us is to be purified in our heart—1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:22:**
  - A. The end of the apostle Paul's charge is love out of a pure heart—1 Tim. 1:5.
  - B. A pure heart is a single heart without mixture, a heart that seeks only the Lord and takes the Lord as the unique goal.
  - C. To purify our heart, we need to deal with all the parts of the heart—the mind, emotion, will and conscience—Heb. 4:12; John 16:22; Heb. 10:22.
    1. We must deal with the impurities in our mind by dealing with our thoughts, concepts, opinions, logic, dreams, goal, value system so that we can be renewed in our mind—Rom. 12:2
    2. We must deal with the impurities in our emotions by dealing with the things we love, hate, desire, fear, envy so that we can have the Lord's joy—Matt. 10:37-39.
    3. We must deal with the impurities in our will to make it submissive and obedient to the Lord's perfect will so that we can be in harmony with Him—Luke 22:42.
    4. We must deal with the impurities in our conscience by opening to the Lord and confessing any offense that He shines upon us—1 John 1:9.
  - D. Those who are pure in heart will see God and gain God—Matt. 5:8.





## Message Two Verses

**1 Tim. 4:7** But the profane and old-womanish myths refuse, and **exercise yourself unto godliness.**

**2 Tim. 1:6-7** For which cause I remind you to **fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you** through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us **a spirit** of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

**2 Tim. 2:22** But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who **call on the Lord** out of a pure heart.

**1 Cor. 12:3** Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking in the Spirit of God says, Jesus is accursed; and no one can **say, Jesus is Lord! except in the Holy Spirit.**

**1 Tim. 2:8** I desire therefore that **men pray in every place**, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and reasoning;

**Eph. 6:18** By means of all prayer and petition, **praying at every time in spirit** and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

**1 Tim. 1:19** **Holding faith and a good conscience**, concerning which some, thrusting these away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith;

**1 Tim. 3:9** Holding the mystery of the faith in a **pure conscience.**

**Acts 23:1** And Paul, looking intently at the Sanhedrin, said, Men, brothers, **I have conducted myself in all good conscience before God** until this day.

**Acts 24:16** Because of this I also exercise myself to **always have a conscience without offense toward God and men.**

**1 Tim. 4:1-2** But the Spirit says expressly that in later times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons By means of the hypocrisy of men who speak lies, of men who are **branded in their own conscience** as with a hot iron,

**1 John 1:9** If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**1 Tim. 1:5** But **the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart** and out of a good conscience and out of unfeigned faith;

**Heb. 4:12** For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern **the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

**John 16:22** Therefore you also now have sorrow; but I will see you again and **your heart will rejoice**, and no one takes your joy away from you.

**Heb. 10:22** Let us come forward to the Holy of Holies with a true heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience** and having our bodies washed with pure water.

**Rom. 12:2** And do not be fashioned according to this age, but **be transformed by the renewing of the mind** that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

**Luke 22:42** Saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; **yet, not My will, but Yours be done.**

**Matt. 5:8** Blessed are **the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

## Message Three

### The Church of the Living God

Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 3:15-16; Eph. 2:19; John 16:13; Eph. 3:4; Col. 2:2; Eph. 3:10

- I. **“But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God...”—1 Timothy 3:15:**
  - A. The household of God.
    1. “You therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect”—Matt. 5:48.
    2. Multiplication and continuation.
  - B. The house of God, His dwelling place.
    1. “In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit”—Eph. 2:22.
    2. A place of expression and rest.
- II. **“...The pillar and base of the truth”—1 Timothy 3:15:**
  - A. Truth: the real things which are revealed in the New Testament concerning Christ and the church according to God’s New Testament economy.
  - B. The pillar bearing the truth, and base upholding all these realities.
- III. **“And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness”—1 Timothy 3:16:**
  - A. Godliness: God as life lived out in the flesh.
  - B. Not merely a matter, but a person with a story: *“He who was...”*
    1. Manifested in the flesh.
    2. Justified in Spirit.
    3. Seen by the angels.
    4. Preached among the nations.
    5. Believed on in the world.
    6. Taken up in glory.

# Notes

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### Message 3 Verses

**1 Tim. 3:15** But if I delay, [I write] that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

**Eph. 2:19** So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

**Matt. 5:48** You therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Eph. 2:22** In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

**1 Tim. 3:16** And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.

**John 16:13** But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming.

**Eph. 3:4** By which, in reading [it,] you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ,

**Col. 2:2** That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

**Eph. 3:10** In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,

## Message Four

### **Faith and Love Keep Us in God's Economy**

Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 1:14; 2 Tim. 1:13; 1 Tim. 1:4; 1 Tim. 1:19; 6:17;  
1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 2 Tim. 4:8, 10

- I. In 1 Timothy 1:14 and 2 Timothy 1:13 faith and love are mentioned together as a pair:**
  - A. This reveals that in order to experience Christ, that is, in order to enjoy the Lord, we need both faith and love.
  - B. By faith we receive the Lord; by love we enjoy the Lord—John 1:12; Heb. 11:6; John 14:21, 23; 21:15-17.
  - C. We have a spirit of faith to receive the Lord and a heart of love to enjoy the Lord—2 Cor. 4:13; Matt. 22:37.
  - D. The more we exercise faith and love, the more we enjoy the Lord as grace and express Him in our living—Eph. 6:23-24.
  
- II. In 1 Timothy 1:4 Paul tells us that God's economy is in faith:**
  - A. God's economy, which is to dispense Himself into His chosen people, is not in the natural realm or in the work of law but in the sphere of faith—Gal. 3:23-26.
  - B. We need to be deeply impressed with the meaning of faith in the New Testament in its objective and subjective aspects—1 Tim. 1:19.
  - C. To hold faith and a good conscience is a safeguard for our Christian life—1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 4:7.
  - D. We must fight the good fight of the faith—1 Tim. 6:12.
  
- III. In 1 Timothy 1:5 we see that the goal of the apostle's charge is love out of a pure heart, a good conscience and unfeigned faith—Matt. 5:8; Acts 24:16; Acts 15:9; Gal. 5:6:**
  - A. History tells us that the root of the church's decline was the loss of her first love toward the Lord—Rev. 2:4.
  - B. We must be lovers of God and lovers of the good which pertains to God's economy—2 Tim. 3:1-5; 1 John 4:7-8; 19-21.
  - C. If we love the Lord's appearing, we shall take sides with Him and fight with Him for His interests. But if we love the present age, we shall take sides with the world—2 Tim. 4:8, 10.
  - D. Whether there could be a day of glory in the church's victory or grievous days of the church's decline depends altogether upon what we set our heart upon, what it is we love.



## Message Four Verses

**1 Tim. 1:14** And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

**2 Tim. 1:13** Hold a pattern of the healthy words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

**1 Tim. 1:4** Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

**1 Tim. 1:19** Holding faith and a good conscience, *concerning* which some, thrusting *these* away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith;

**1 Tim. 6:17** Charge those who are rich in the present age not to be high-minded, nor to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches but on God, who affords us all things richly for *our* enjoyment;

**1 Tim. 1:5** But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and *out of* a good conscience and *out of* unfeigned faith;

**2 Tim. 3:1** But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come.

**2 Tim. 3:2** For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

**2 Tim. 3:3** Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good,

**2 Tim. 3:4** Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

**2 Tim. 3:5** Having an outward form of godliness, though denying its power; from these also turn away.

**Acts 15:9** And He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

**2 Cor. 4:13** And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

**Matt. 22:37** And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

**Eph. 6:23** Peace to the brothers and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Eph. 6:24** Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.

**Gal. 3:23** But before faith came we were guarded under law, being shut up unto the faith which was to be revealed.

**Gal. 3:24** So then the law has become our child-conductor unto Christ that we might be justified out of faith.

**Gal. 3:25** But since faith has come, we are no longer under a child-conductor.

**Gal. 3:26** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

**2 Tim. 4:7** I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

**1 Tim. 6:12** Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold on the eternal life, to which you were called and have confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

**Matt. 5:8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**Acts 24:16** Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men.



**Gal. 5:6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything nor uncircumcision, but faith *avails*, operating through love.

**Rev. 2:4** But I have *one thing* against you, that you have left your first love.

**1 John 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and everyone who loves has been begotten of God and knows God.

**1 John 4:8** He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.

**1 John 4:19** We love because He first loved us.

**1 John 4:20** If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

**1 John 4:21** And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God love his brother also.