

Introduction – **Coaching tip #2:** Coaching only helps _____ learners.

The context – the historical situation

- Nero is the emperor.
- Women are viewed as property.
- Cults are flourishing.

Paul’s coaching for Timothy

1 Timothy 2

- An urgent priority – Prayer 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- God’s bigger purpose – Salvation 1 Timothy 2:3-7
- Application for men in the house-church worship. 1 Timothy 2:8
- Application for women in the house-church worship. 1 Timothy 2:9-15

The coaching “nuggets” – If you don’t remember anything else...

The truth:

*³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires **all** men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for **all**, the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.*

1 Timothy 2:3-7

Our response:

*⁸ Therefore I want the men in every place to **pray**, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.*

1 Timothy 2:8

Paul's coaching for us

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The subject: Power – “How to fight the good fight” in a culture of persecution and suspicion.

The underlying issue: Love from a pure heart – revealed in conduct and practices to promote the Gospel ahead of personal.

The underlying question: Am I willing to follow Jesus' example of love and return good for evil to those in positions of authority in my life?

The action required: Step _____!

- Kneel and pray.
- Release anger and resentment.
- Refuse to verbally attack or disrespect those who oppose you.

The unspoken need: To develop _____.

How?

1. **Head** = Know the Truth – Word

Matthew 5:43-48
Philippians 2:5-11

2. **Heart** = Live the Truth – Mentor

Mark 10:45
Philippians 2:3-5

3. **Hands** = Share the Truth – Practice

Luke 10
Romans 12:14-21

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it so important to pray for *all* people? How can you humbly pray, intercede, and give thanks for those whom you disagree with?
2. How do you exert power from the inside out (being “salt and light”) to bring about change in a culture of persecution and suspicion?
3. What practical steps can you take to humbly follow Jesus’ example of love and return good for evil?
4. A wise mentor told Chip, “Stop trying to be humble and be a servant.” How is God asking you to serve the people in your life?