

HOLD THE LINE

1 Timothy 1:18-22

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Qualities of faithful mentors

Trust – their protégés with their most precious work

Perspective – they don't sweat the little stuff

Release – they give control over to their protégés

Grace – they don't get angrier as they get older – they are graceful encouragers; not angry critics

Transference – they pass the torch freely

Qualities of faithful protégés

Faithful protégés remember their beginnings, their values, and their sense of urgency

You don't have to learn everything by experience

Demanding both faith AND a clear conscience tells us that belief alone does not guarantee a useful Christian life

Rejection of faith and a clear conscience is often more apparent to others than it is to the person doing the rejecting

Taking it home

It's easy to be scandalized by the "Hymeneuses and Alexanders" that we've known in our lives but a little more difficult to see the indicators in our own lives that could be leading us in a dangerous direction. Take a few moments to prayerfully consider those little compromises that you might be making that could lead you in a dangerous direction. What do you plan to do about them?