

on the right goal the actions of life are more likely to follow. Being with Christ is the goal that should govern the present run of activity.

3. Conclusion

Living in a state of commitment is what is expected of a soldier in battle, a politician in office, a salesman moving door to door. Surely it is not less of an expectation for the believer. It provides a unique sense of satisfaction to the daily duties and gives an assurance of the completeness we have in the will of the Lord.

E. Hold Fast the Teachings of Christ.

2 Timothy 1, emphasis on vs. 13-14 ff.

1. Introductory Notes

It might seem that we are back where we began on the first discussion where we emphasized the remembrance of the gift of God and that which was ours through the Gospel. In actuality what we are pressing for is a remembering of saving truth and the emphasizing of the doctrines that grow from it. The thrust of the passage in this discussion is to hold and hold emphatically the teachings of Christ. It is not just to cling to them...but to make them part of ourselves. It is not that we "hold on to them" but that we cherish and nurture them. As the teachings come to have greater fulfillment and meaning in our lives the stress we give them will be better known in our outreach of/to others.

2. Discussion

a. Know the teachings

It might seem self-apparent but to hold fast the form of sound words one would surely need to know those words...to know them in the sense of a heart/head understanding that would quicken the whole person.