

The Pastoral Epistles

I Timothy 1:18-20 – “¹⁸ Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, ¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. ²⁰ Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.” – NIV

Paul has entrusted Timothy with a vital command. What is that command? (Help: You have to go back to verse 3.)

Now, the giving of this command was in accordance with prophecies made about Timothy. The following two texts give us precious little information on that matter:

I Timothy 4:14 –

The prophecy resulted in a “ _____ ”

The prophecy was accompanied with “ _____ ”

II Timothy 1:5-7 –

The gift was sourced in “ _____ ”

The gift was through _____ as an agent

As Timothy reflected on the prophecies about him, he was to be encouraged to do what?

“Fight the _____ well”

Timothy was to fight while clinging to two important Christian characteristics. What are they?

Paul says that some have refused these important things to what end?

Paul then names two individuals as examples. Who are they?

The method of educating the rebellious in this context was what?