

SHIPWRECKED

1TIMOTHY 1

Text: 1Timothy 1:19

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Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Introduction:

Someone has said, "It is always too soon to quit."

Paul had three great motivating forces in the ministry

- His love for Christ constrained him: to labor, and to reach the lost for Christ.
- His faith empowered him.
- The grace of God enabled him.

Our text speaks of those who have become shipwrecked.

How do people become ship wrecked?

1. THEY NEGLECT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The time that we spend alone with God is vital.

Genesis 5:24

And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Deut. 10:12

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Joshua 22:5

But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

1 Kings 8:61

Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

2 Cor. 6:16

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

A. How are we to walk with God?

1. Study and obey His Word.
2. Stay close to His will.
3. Seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
4. Stand for truth and right.

2. THEY DO NOT STAY IN THE BATTLE (VS 18)

1 Tim. 1:18

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

A. The warrior's power

Ephes. 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

B. The warrior's armor

Ephes. 6:11

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephes. 6:13-17

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

C. The warrior's foe

Ephes. 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

D. The warrior's resource

Ephes. 6:18-20

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; [19] And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, [20] For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

3. THEY QUIT DOING THE RIGHT THING IN THE RIGHT WAY

- A. Right is right regardless.
- B. It never right to do wrong in effort to accomplish something that is right.
- C. What is right is not always popular, and what is popular is not always right.

4. THE BEGIN TO RUN WITH A WRONG CROWD AND DO NOT STAY SEPARATED.

Illustration: Psalms 106:32-35

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They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: [33] Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with

his lips. [34] They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them: [35] But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

- A. They intermixed with the heathen.
- B. They engaged in the same activity.
- C. They occupied the same territory.
- D. They made pledges with them.

What were the results of this?

Psalm 106:41-42

And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them. [42] Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

5. THEY HAVE WRONG FRIENDS AND LOOK TO THE WRONG LEADERS.

Note: After Moses has died the people needed a leader and God gave Joshua three charges.

Joshua 1:1-8

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua

the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, [2] Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. [3] Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. [4] From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. [5] There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. [6] Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. [7] Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. [8] This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

A. Conform everything to the Word of God.

B. Don't let it depart out of your mouth

C. Observe to do according to all the law: don't pick and choose. How?

1. Do all that is written, not just hear, but do.
2. Do not turn from it.
3. Be strong and courageous.

6. THEY HAVE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND GREED

Acts 5:1-11

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, [2] And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. [3] But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? [4] Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. [5] And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. [6] And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. [7] And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. [8] And

Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. [9] Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. [10] Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. [11] And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

7. THEY QUIT BECAUSE OF PERSECUTION, HEARTACHES, TRAGEDIES, AND FAILURES.

Acts 5:17-42

Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, [18] And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. [19] But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, [20] Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. [21] And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. [22] But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned,

and told, [23] Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within. [24] Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow. [25] Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people. [26] Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned. [27] And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, [28] Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

[29] Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. [30] The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. [31] Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. [32] And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

[33] When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them. [34] Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among

all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; [35] And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. [36] For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. [37] After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. [38] And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: [39] But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. [40] And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

[41] And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. [42] And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

A. There will be days of difficulty, and struggle.

8. THEY DIDN'T STAY HEALTHY (SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING)

A. Feast on God's Word

B. Fellowship with God's people.

9. THEY HAVE FAMILY PROBLEMS THAT OVERWHELM THEM

10. THEY DON'T STAY ON FIRE BY WINNING OTHERS TO CHRIST

Acts 5:41-42

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Close:

Though much more and many more reasons can be offered, here are a few reasons that some become shipwrecked and give and quit.