***The Foci of a Faithful Follower* (Part 2)**

**1 Timothy 4:13 - 5:2 - 3/17/19**

*What should faithful followers of Jesus focus on?*

**1 Timothy 4:13**

1) We Are To Focus On The Bible

There is something to be said about the power of God's Word when it comes to the core of our being. **Hebrews 4:12**

God's word also produces faith. **Romans 10:17**

We would do well to make time for the Bible in the midst of our busyness, as no one is truly too busy to do so.

*I've always made it a rule never to begin work until I've had a good time with God and His Word*; *and the blessing I've received has been wonderful!* ­-George Mueller

Our church should be known as a church that not only preaches the Word, but one that also stands on its truths.

**1 Timothy 4:14**

2) We Should Be Focusing On Our Spiritual Gifts, Both For Jesus & His Church

If you know Jesus then at some point, either at your conversion or thereafter, you received a spiritual gift from the Holy Spirit Himself.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Romans 12:3-8 - Ephesians 4:11-16**

Everyone has a part to play; whether your gift is large or small, varied or single, of great degree or lesser degree - we need you as the Master's chosen you!

We may feel like we don’t have much to offer or that if we stopped our ministry, no one would notice. But the Great Conductor notices and wants us to complete his orchestral masterpiece!

**1 Timothy 4:15+16**

3) We Are To Practice In Order To Progress, While Persevering In Proper Doctrine

The things we've talked about should be put into practice as we consistently monitor our thoughts and our hearts... While being desirous of dead-on doctrine.

*"The question isn't whether a doctrine is beautiful, but whether it is true. Whenever we want to go somewhere, we are not to ask if the road leads through pretty country - but whether it is the right road!"*

It is our trust in God and His Word that will bring us results. **Jeremiah 17:7+8**

**1 Timothy 5:1+2**

4) We Are To Not Harshly Rebuke One Another, But Honor One Another

Sometimes our natural inclination is to treat one another harshly.

The issue isn't whether you're right or wrong; it is obedience versus disobedience. **Romans 12:10**

As we obey God in honoring others, we are ultimately honoring and obeying God; and God will reward us. **John 12:26**

The more honor we give, the more we receive.