

Have You Been Dealt a Bad Hand?

2 Timothy 1:8-11

Part 3 – Servitude

Introduction:

- A. There are three hands every believer is dealt. Are these bad hands?
1. The hand of s_____
 2. The hand of s_____ (because of sinful choices, because of natural circumstances, because of our Christianity).
- B. Today's lesson is the hand of servitude – we are s_____ to serve the Lord.
1. Do you sometimes feel like not serving the Lord?
 2. Do you wonder if your service is worth it?

Everyone serves someone

- A. Verse 11 – Paul was a_____ by God to be a preacher, apostle, and teacher. Whom did Paul serve prior to this?
1. Paul t_____ he was serving God when he persecuted Christians (Acts 22:3)
 2. Paul was actually serving S_____ (see Rev 12:17)
 - a. Satan actively wars against a_____ who keep God's commands AND hold to the testimony of Jesus.
 - b. Satan is behind all Christian p_____.
- B. Rom 6:22,23 – one is either a slave of s_____ or a slave of G_____.
1. 90% of the religious Jews thought they were serving God but their zeal was not according to k_____ (Rom 10:2).
 2. Today, every person serves either God or Satan. There is no in between state.
- C. Does serving God limit our freedom, where serving sin gives us freedom?
1. Sin (Satan) is a c_____ master – kills, steals, and destroys (Jn 10:10).
 2. God (Jesus) is a l_____ master – protects, preserves, and so gives us the greatest freedom we could have.

Every believer is placed somewhere (in the church, the body of Christ)

- A. Paul did not v_____ to be an apostle, preacher, teacher (Acts 26:16-18).
1. Jesus knocked Paul to the g_____
 2. Jesus t_____ Paul what part of the body he would be (an apostle).
- B. Timothy did not v_____ to be a teacher (2 Tim 1:8)

1. God g_____ him (2 Tim 1:6,7)
 2. He was to use that gift in the b_____, the church.
- C. Where has God placed you?
1. There are no m_____ in the body (1 Cor 12:18 – God has placed each one in the body according to His desire).
 2. Every believer is i_____ to the function of the body, the church (1 Cor 12:19,20)

How are you serving?

- A. Take a service sheet and prayerfully look over the opportunities
- B. If you are already serving, see your importance in continuing to serve.
- C. If you are not yet serving, find your importance to the function of this body.