

“Don’t Be Distracted!”

1 Tim. 6:20-21

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

In my early years of ministry I received some great advice from an older man of God. He said, “Know who you are, Crawford, and who you are not. Not every issue or every opportunity demands your involvement. Carefully pick your battles.” God has used those words countless times through the years to protect me from getting involved with things I should avoid!

God wants us to respond to His leading, not just react to opportunities and needs. If we respond to every good opportunity or need coming our way—even things done in the name of Christ—we’ll burn out. No, God wants concentrated energy. He wants us to be focused and not scattered in how we approach ministry and opportunity. Need should not be the primary motivation in determining the will of God.

We need to pay close attention to the advice given in 1 Timothy chapter 6, verses 20 and 21; “O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and thus gone away from the faith.”

Notice that opening line; “O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you.” I like that statement. It’s full of emotion. In other words, it’s as if Paul is pleading, “Timothy, listen to me. Please, Son, guard what has been entrusted to you! Don’t be distracted! Don’t be pulled into things that don’t belong to you. Distraction is the enemy to effectiveness. Fruitless pursuits will neutralize your effectiveness in the Kingdom.”

Here’s what I want you to remember today. Let’s be careful to be good stewards of what God has called us to do and be. Ask God to show you what He’s entrusted to you, and then ask Him how to be the best steward of what He’s invested in you.