

Suffering Without Shame

2 Timothy 1:8-18

Suffering is not the mark of God's disfavor – it's part of following Christ

1. Imperative #1: Don't be _____

2. Imperative #2: Share in _____

3. Here's how:

- Follow the _____

- Guard the good _____

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. Has your life been easier or harder, better or worse, since you came to Christ?
2. What kinds of suffering have you experienced for your faith in Christ? What can we expect? How can this passage help us be prepared?
3. Read 2 Timothy 1:8-18. Note the three places where “ashamed” appears. Each use is attached to a person – describe how.
4. John Piper said, *“If God’s love for His children is to be measured by our health, wealth and comfort in this life, then God hated the Apostle Paul.”* How does today’s passage show that health, wealth and comfort in this life are not the measures of God’s love for us? How do you respond to the prosperity gospel?
5. How does Onesiphorus’ example (v16-18) show us how we can fulfill the two imperatives, “do not be ashamed” and “share in suffering for the gospel”?