
GOD THE MASTER-MOTIVATOR

1 TIMOTHY 6:13-14



Motivational speakers motivate people with their speeches. They inspire people to dream big dreams and do great deeds. We sometimes need someone like that in our lives. When we get discouraged in the face of huge challenges, we need someone to come alongside us and encourage us.

That's the situation Timothy was in. He was sinking in the face of hostile opposition (1 Timothy 6:1-10) and the immense challenge he'd just read in the four imperatives of verses 11-12: flee falsehood, follow faithfulness, fight for the faith, and fasten on to eternal life.

Paul sums it up with **I charge you...to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach (13, 14)**. Great opposition and a great charge. No wonder Timothy was sinking down and slinking away. Therefore, in the next verses, God gives Timothy four motivations based upon four sets of eyes. Let's learn from God the Master-Motivator.

- **MANY SAW YOUR CONFESSION**
- **GOD SEES THE THREATS**
- **CHRIST SEES YOUR WITNESS**
- **ALL WILL SEE CHRIST**

LEARNING

MANY SAW YOUR CONFESSION

The first motivation is **You made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses (12)**. Remember your public testimony when you were converted to Christ and when you were ordained to the ministry. These eyes, the eyes of the church are upon you. Gospel friends are watching you and desperately need you to succeed.

**PUBLIC CONFESSION
MOTIVATES PUBLIC CONFIDENCE**

"But I'm being threatened on all sides."

GOD SEES THE THREATS

The second motivation is that God is present and ruling over all life. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things (13). You are not alone. You are in God's presence, the God who can protect and sustain your life, and the God who can take away the life of your enemies.

GOD'S PRESENCE
MOTIVATES GOSPEL PRESENCE.

"I wish I had an example to inspire me to courage."

CHRIST SEES YOUR WITNESS

This charge is also given in the presence of...**Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession (13)**. You are also in Christ's presence. The Christ who gave such a good example of standing for the faith in the face of the worst opposition is seeing you and urging you to follow his example.

CHRIST'S WITNESS
MOTIVATES CHRISTIAN WITNESS.

When will all this fighting come to an end?

ALL WILL SEE CHRIST

Timothy was to **keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ (14)**. We see Jesus by faith just now, but soon all will see Jesus with their own eyes. He will appear when he comes to judge the world. Anticipate his visibility on that great day of triumph to encourage you to make Christ visible today by your witness.

CHRIST'S FUTURE COMING
MOTIVATES OUR PRESENT COURAGE.

LOVING

God is the Master-Motivator. He doesn't just give us commands; he gives us courage. He doesn't just instruct us; he inspires us. Don't you love that? Christianity is such a reasonable faith. It's full of reasons for faith and obedience. God could simply command obedience, but he does much more than that. He explains it and encourages us in it. He treats us as rational creatures not robotic clones. We worship the Master-Motivator.

LIVING

Motivate your Christian life with the Master-motivator's use of the church's eyes, God's eyes, Christ's eyes, and the whole world's eyes.
