



The Bible has a lot to say on integrity. Proverbs 10:9 - He who walks with integrity walks securely. Proverbs 11:3 - The integrity of the upright will guide them. Proverbs 20:7 - The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him. Proverbs 28:6 - Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich. Psalm 26:11 - As for me, I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be merciful to me. Psalm 26:1 - Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity. Psalm 7:8 - Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity within me. Psalm 25:21 - Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You. Titus 2:7 - In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility. In Psalm 78:72 - David shepherded the people according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

And God protects the person with integrity from sin. The story in Genesis 20:5-6, King Abimelech took Sarah into his harem not knowing that she was Abraham's wife. "Did Abraham not say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this. And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her."

Walk in integrity. It safeguards, protects, blesses, enriches your life. "A good name is better and is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold". Proverbs 22:1

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PSALMIST COFFEE HOUSE, 3 July SUNDAY**  
Main course by Catherine Tong: Pork Curry with rice & vegetables @ RM8.00. Performance: Jireh Tee
- **8 & 22 July FRI - Care Group & YACG Care Group**

## SUNDAY SPEAKERS

- **3 July - Ps. Jason Yeong**
- **10 July - Ps. Tryphena Law**
- **17 July - Brian Longridge**
- **24 July - Ps. Kim**
- **31 July - Elder James Poh**

## SUNDAY COMMUNION

- **3 July by Elder Antony Tong**

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY
10.00 am   Chinese Senior Care Group (fortnightly)	Chinese Worship Service   8.15 am
8.00 pm   Intercessors Night (fortnightly)	English Worship Service   10.15 am
<b>FRIDAY</b>	English Children Church   10.15 am
8.00 pm   Care Group	Youth Alive   10.15 am
8.00 pm   YACG Care Group	Psalmist Coffee House   7.30 pm (1st Sunday of the month)

# TABERNACLE OF DAVID

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2016 Theme:

Building upon **CHRIST** the **CHIEF CORNERSTONE**

Vision:

**GROW in CHRIST and in NUMBERS**

A Christian recently complained about a failed business venture with a believer because of the latter's unethical dealings. The pastor replied, "You were not wise in choosing him as a business partner!" The Christian was shocked. The pastor continued, "First find a person with integrity; secondly choose a Christian".



What is integrity? Generally it is the quality of having strong moral principles, moral uprightness, doing the right things, being honest, having honour, upholding ethical standards, virtue, decency, fairness, sincerity, truthfulness, trustworthiness, righteousness.

How revealing! Christians indeed should have integrity but not all exhibit integrity in every aspect of their lives. While we are indeed still on the journey to be more Christ-like, we should nevertheless diligently persevere to demonstrate wholesome and healthy integrity, from simple acts like paying your rightful taxes, meeting your obligations in church tithing and offerings, telling the truth, not beating the red lights, returning excess money when a cashier mistakenly overpays you, maintaining business ethics, not short changing people. You get the idea.

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# July Bible Reading - 2 Timothy

Foreward by Elder James Poh

*So much has changed in such a short period of time from 1st Timothy to 2nd Timothy. The world has gone mad!!! What can we do when mad pervert Nero is sitting at the judgment seat and ruling the Empire? It is under such circumstances we have "the change of guards", one generation's race (namely Paul & Peter) is about to come to an end and the next generation of disciple(s) (like Timothy) must carry on the mission under the crazy rule of Nero. This is the last final personal letter from the grandmaster to his favourite disciple, whom he takes as his son. See how personal and affectionately he writes.*

## Background and Setting

Paul was released from his first Roman imprisonment for a short period of ministry during which he wrote 1 Timothy and Titus. Second Timothy, however, finds Paul once again in a Roman prison (1:16; 2:9), apparently rearrested as part of Nero's persecution of Christians. Unlike Paul's confident hope of release during his first imprisonment (Phil. 1:19,25,26; 2:24; Philem. 22), this time he had no such hopes (4:6-8). In his first imprisonment in Rome (ca. A.D. 60-62), before Nero had begun the persecution of Christians (A.D. 64), he was only under house arrest and had opportunity for much interaction with people and ministry (Acts 28:16-31). At this time, 5 or 6 years later (ca. A.D. 66-67), however, he was in a cold cell (4:13), in chains (2:9), and with no hope of deliverance (4:6). Abandoned by virtually all of those close to him for fear of persecution (cf. 1:15; 4:9-12,16) and facing imminent execution, Paul wrote to Timothy, urging him to hasten to Rome for one last visit with the apostle (4:9,21). Whether Timothy made it to Rome before Paul's execution is not known. According to tradition, Paul was not released from this second Roman imprisonment, but suffered the martyrdom he had foreseen (4:6). In this letter, Paul, aware the end was near, passed the non-apostolic mantle of ministry to Timothy (cf. 2:2) and exhorted him to continue faithful in his duties (1:6), hold on to sound doctrine (1:13,14), avoid error (2:15-18), accept persecution for the gospel (2:3,4; 3:10-12), put his confidence in the Scripture, and preach it relentlessly (3:15-4:5).

## Historical and Theological Themes

It seems that Paul may have had reason to fear that Timothy was in danger of weakening spiritually. This would have been a grave concern

**We are close to finishing  
our 1<sup>st</sup> ALPHA @ TOD —  
Every Saturday,  
3.30pm to 5.30pm.**

Alpha

- 16 April Episode 1: Is there more to life than this?
- 23 April Episode 2: Who is Jesus?
- 30 April Episode 3: Why did Jesus die?
- 7 May Episode 4: How can we have faith?
- 14 May Episode 5: Why and how do I pray?
- 21 May Episode 6: Why and how should I read the Bible?

for Paul since Timothy needed to carry on Paul's work (cf. 2:2). While there are no historical indications elsewhere in the NT as to why Paul was so concerned, there is evidence in the epistle itself from what he wrote. This concern is evident, for example, in Paul's exhortation to "stir up" his gift (1:6), to replace fear with power, love, and a sound mind (1:7), to not be ashamed of Paul and the Lord, but willingly suffer for the gospel (1:8), and to hold on to the truth (1:13,14). Summing up the potential problem of Timothy, who might be weakening under the pressure of the church and the persecution of the world, Paul calls him to 1) generally "be strong" (2:11), the key exhortation of the first part of the letter, and to 2) continue to "preach the word" (4:2), the main admonition of the last part. These final words to Timothy include few commendations but many admonitions, including about 25 imperatives. Since Timothy was well versed in Paul's theology, the apostle did not instruct him further doctrinally. He did, however, allude to several important doctrines, including salvation by God's sovereign grace (1:9,10; 2:10), the person of Christ (2:8; 4:1,8), and perseverance (2:11-13); plus Paul wrote the crucial text of the NT on the inspiration of Scripture (3:16,17).

## Outline

### I. Greeting and Thanksgiving (1:1-5)

### II. The Perseverance of a Man of God (1:6-18)

- A. The Exhortation (1:6-11)
- B. The Examples (1:12-18)
  1. Paul (1:12-14)

- 28 & 29 May Weekend Away @ Peace Haven, Genting Highlands:-
  - Episode 7: Who is the Holy Spirit?
  - Episode 8: What does the Holy Spirit do?
  - Episode 9: How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
  - Episode 10: How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

- 11 June Episode 11: How does God guide us?
- 18 June Episode 12: How can I resist evil?
- 25 June Episode 13: Why and how should I tell others?

## Two more to GO!

- 2 July Episode 14: Does God heal today?
- 9 July Episode 15: What about the Church?

2. Onesiphorus (1:15-18)

### III. The Patterns of a Man of God (2:1-26)

- A. Paul (2:1, 2)
- B. A Soldier (2:3, 4)
- C. An Athlete (2:5)
- D. A Farmer (2:6, 7)
- E. Jesus (2:8-13)
- F. A Worker (2:14-19)
- G. A Vessel (2:20-23)
- H. A Servant (2:24-26)

### IV. The Perils

#### of a Man of God(3:1-17)

- A. Facing Apostasy (3:1-9)
- B. Defeating Apostasy (3:10-17)

### V. The Preaching

#### of the Man of God (4:1-5)

- A. The Charge to Preach (4:1, 2)
- B. The Need for Preaching (4:3-5)

### VI. Concluding Remarks (4:6-18)

- A. Paul's Triumph (4:6-8)
- B. Paul's Needs (4:9-18)

### VII. Paul's Farewells (4:19-22)

