

## Discipleship Conviction

2Tim. 1:3-14

Intro.:

Today the in-Word seems to be Tolerance.

I believe that Jesus was Tolerant in the traditional sense. He respected people, even when they didn't believe or accept Him.

But today, the Word means something else. It means that you not only are asked to respect the other person's beliefs but you also consider them Equally TRUE as your own.

This has resulted many times in a weak, ineffective, and often times paralyzed Church.

It has caused a real disconnect between what most people claim they BELIEVE and yet their Actions are no different than those who don't claim to believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

It is through Belief, Faith and Trust in Jesus that we are Saved. It is through what and Who we believe in that lives can be changed. Nowadays not everyone who says they believe in Jesus as Saviour and Lord are living for Him as a Disciple.

I think we need to understand that we are not only Called to be a Disciple but called to have CONVICTIONS as a Disciple too.

Convictions are such strong beliefs that they force me to action. Mind-heart-action.

I feel I have no alternative but to do something.

The trend in Tolerance has made most people think that to have Convictions is unnatural, unwelcomed, unnecessary.

True Disciples need to have Convictions!

Paul's life and his personal convictions:

- Conviction of the Power of the Holy Spirit, Love, Self-discipline. Vs. 7
- Conviction that He had served Jesus well, clear conscience, vs. 3
- Conviction that any suffering in serving the Lord was worth it, vs. 8
- Conviction about His call and God's Grace, vs. 9.
- Conviction to live a holy life, vs. 9

- Conviction in Jesus, as Saviour and that the Resurrection brings life and immortality, through the Gospel.

- Conviction to share, be an Apostle and Teacher of this Gospel.

MAIN KEY VERSE - vs. 12; I know whom I have believed and am CONVINCED...

Are you Convinced in who and what you Believe?

Process for living faithfully, dynamically for the Lord? Vs. 12  
Belief ----- CONVICTIONS ----- Action

Convictions of a Disciple

1. John 8:31-32; Live by God's Word

2 Tim. 3:16-17

2. John 13:35; Live with LOVE

3. John 15:8; Live with PURPOSE

Fruit 1 = to be more like Christ.

Conviction - Grow in your Faith.

Heb. 5:12-14

Fruit 2 = to reproduce ourselves in Faith.

Conviction - Share Christ with Others.

1Pet.3:15

Conclusion:

We need to Believe but also have full Convictions of our beliefs because Convictions lead to Action.