

THE VALUE OF EVERY BELIEVER AND CHURCH – 1 TIMOTHY 3:14-15a

Every single book of the Bible has its own unique _____ for existing. Each book, chapter and word is in its exact intended spot, placed there and preserved by the Holy Ghost. Some overall reasons for being are indirect and obscure, while others are direct and obvious. 1 Timothy's *why* is easily explained in verses 14-15. Yet, there is more going on than initially observed. Therefore, today we will focus on deeper things found in an often skipped verse only ever emphasized historically. Our further examination will prove something _____ about our relationship from God's perspective.

1. The three basic applications of our text – 1 Timothy 3:14-15a

- a. Historical – Paul is planning on coming to Ephesus soon but may not be able to make it. He has _____ instructions for the young pastor, Timothy, and sees the need to get this letter to him just in case he takes longer.
- b. Doctrinal – A simple and clear example of the _____ God chose to communicate his words to mankind (revelation, inspiration, illumination, preservation and propagation):

This epistle was first *revealed* to the apostle Paul by the Holy Ghost, then through *inspiration* it was transmitted to paper, and after that Timothy was *illuminated* by its words helping him and the church. It was *preserved* throughout history, and *propagated* through time to countless pastors and churches, ultimately to illuminate us at FBCJ today – Jer. 36:1-32; 1 Thess. 2:13

- c. Devotional – His _____ for the Ephesian church and all churches throughout history is why he wrote and preserved the Bible. God revealed his mind to us so we could have an intimate love relationship together that would begin here on earth and last forever.

2. The significant wording of the text – verses 14-15a

- a. The text – *These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself ...*
 - It is a _____ and preserved letter
 - These are _____ words to an individual, yet benefit the entire local church
 - These words inspire godly personal and corporate _____ – 1 Cor. 12:13-27; Eph. 3:21

b. The significant personal applications of the text

- God has painstakingly preserved his words here in 1 Timothy to affect your personal behaviour in our church for his glory – this in turn makes us all stronger and more stable
- This message is founded upon Gods great _____ for you – his plan for your life is so vast and important you cannot imagine its value nor comprehend its size and scope

c. The significant overall personal point – 1 Timothy 3:14-16

- You matter so much to God that he came to this planet and died in your stead, paying your sin debt in full. You know this because it was all written and _____ in a book.

Therefore, God should matter so much to us that we die to self, believe the book, behaving godly for him