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Topic: A Church in Order - A True Son

Scripture text: 1 Timothy 1:1-2

1. The pastoral epistles to Timothy written by Apostle Paul is to instruct him as a young pastor how the Church ought to be patterned after God's Word to please the Lord. The Church is not owned by man but the Lord Jesus has purchased her with His own blood who is the Head of the Church.

2. The purpose of the Epistles to Timothy is stated in 1 Tim 3:15 that the Church ought to be the pillar and ground of truth. There must be orderliness in the Church to do all things to the glory of God.

3. The first key part is that Timothy must have genuine faith in the Lord Jesus as a true son of God. Paul called Timothy his own son in the faith knowing that he possessed true saving faith. It is very important every leader and member in the Church examines ourselves whether we are in the faith.

4. The second key part is that Timothy must be genuine in his calling as a pastor. Timothy was called to be a pastor in the church of Ephesus just as Paul was ordained by God to be an Apostle to the Gentiles.

5. The third key part is Timothy must be genuine in his service for the Lord. He must have the mind of Christ in his labour for the Lord. Just like Paul, Timothy was faithful and true in his ministry for the Lord. May the Lord help us to be like Timothy as a true son to our Heavenly Father.