



As a graduate, you stand at an important time and place that encourages you to consider what you will do with your life and whether you will fumble or move the ball forward.

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front) — *Don't fumble the ball!*

1. _____ What Has Been Deposited to Your Care
 To Timothy was committed the gospel and it's implications.
 1 Timothy 1:11, 18

2. _____ the Challenge to Guard That Deposit
 Timothy was challenged to guard that sacred trust.
 1 Timothy 6:13-16, 20a

3. _____ the Ball Forward!
 In 1st Timothy God gave specific instructions on how.

- 1) _____ 2:1, 8, 9-10
- 2) _____ 3:1-2, 8, 15
- 3) _____ 4:1, 6, 12-16
- 4) _____ 5:1-3, 17
- 5) _____ 6:5b, 11a

God gives us something to UNDERSTAND,
 ...something to ACCEPT, then
 ...something to DO.

Others are depending on you.

Who was Timothy?

- from a 3-generation believing home. 2 Timothy 1:5; 2:14-15
- Paul met him on his 2nd missionary journey. Acts 16:1
- Perhaps he was converted as a result of Paul's preaching on the 1st missionary journey (Acts 14:6-8, 21) since Paul called him "my son in the faith" (1 Tim 1:2) and Paul had started a church in his home town of Lystra.
- Became an assistant to Paul on his 2nd church-planting missionary journey. Acts 16:3a
- After Paul's release from his 1st imprisonment in Rome he traveled to Ephesus and left Timothy there to deal with church problems. 1 Timothy 1:3
- During Paul's 2nd imprisonment in Rome, and shortly before Paul's execution, he wrote Timothy a final time to encourage him to remain faithful. 2 Timothy

To this man, when he was in the prime of his ministry, Paul wrote a letter to him to challenge him to carry the ball forward. That letter is 1st Timothy.