

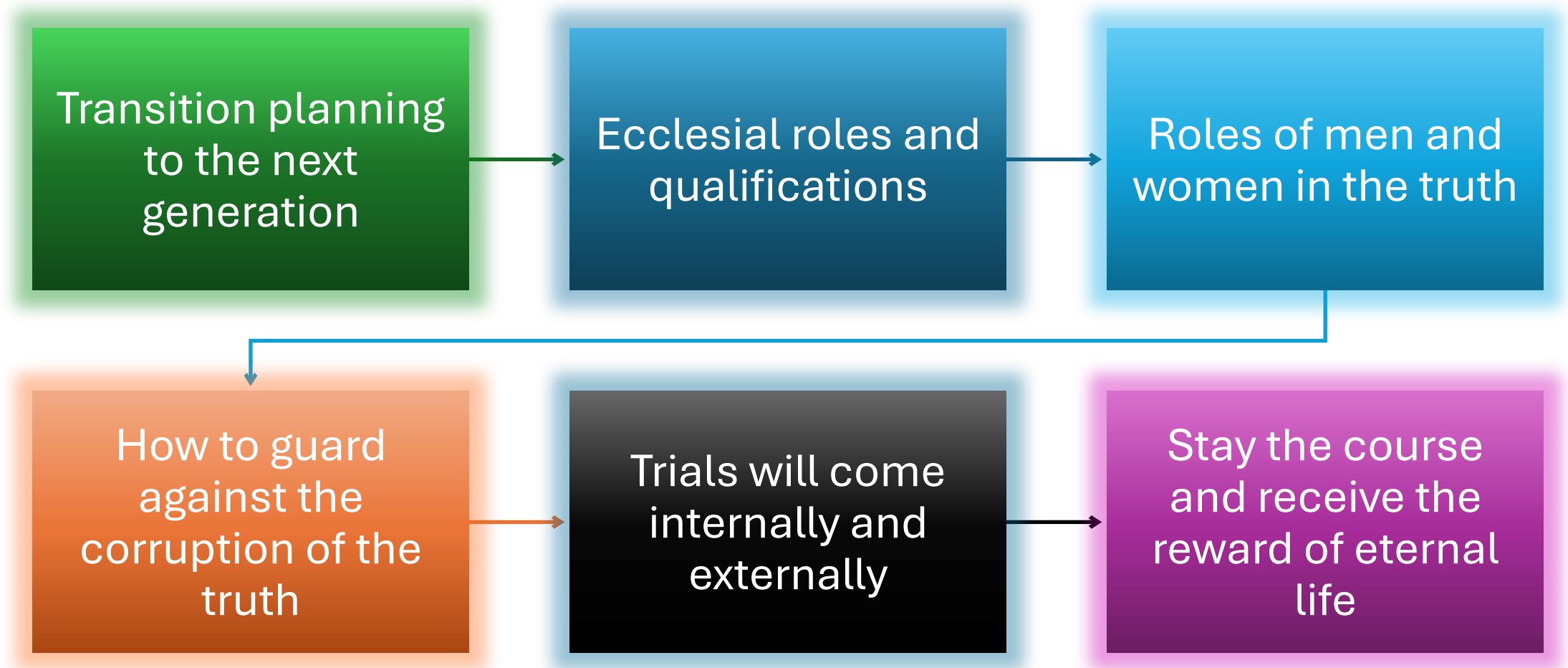


# 1 Timothy 2

Ecclesial Challenges

Our behaviour must reflect the truth of God's word

# Maintaining an ecclesial lampstand

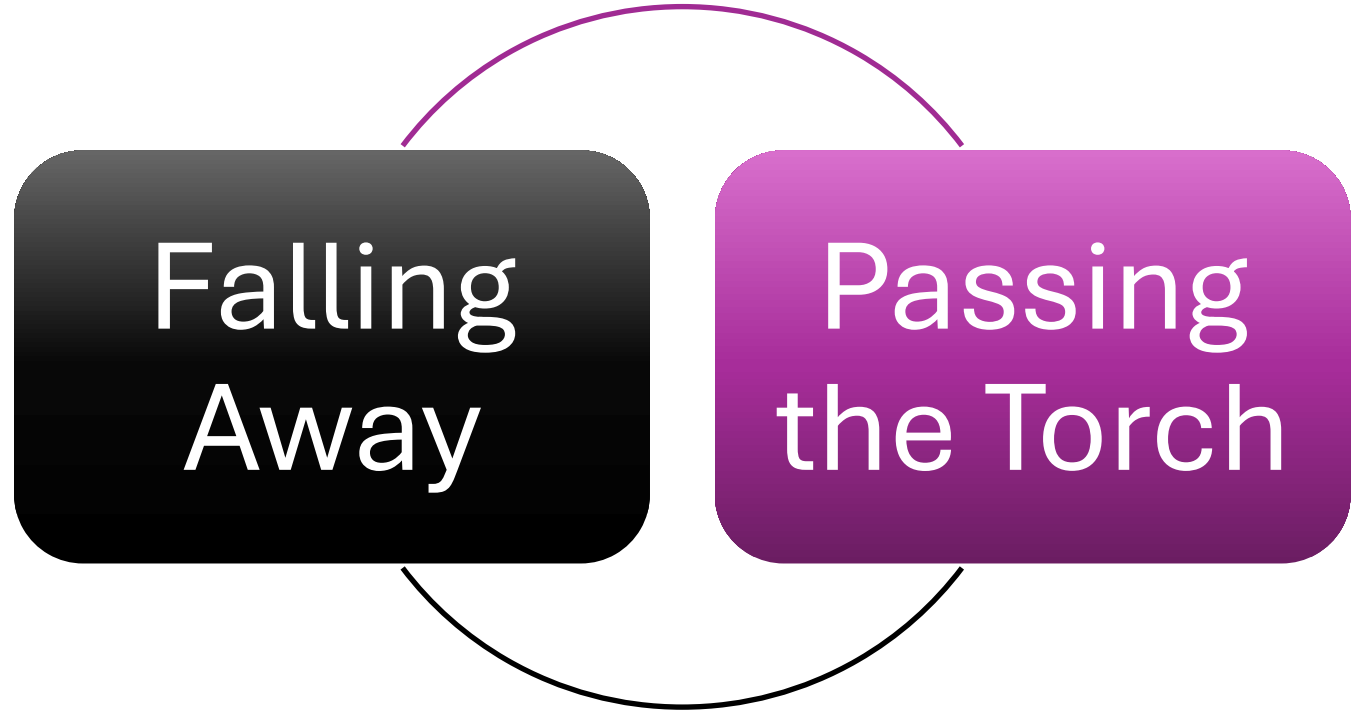


# Chapter 1

Two principal themes

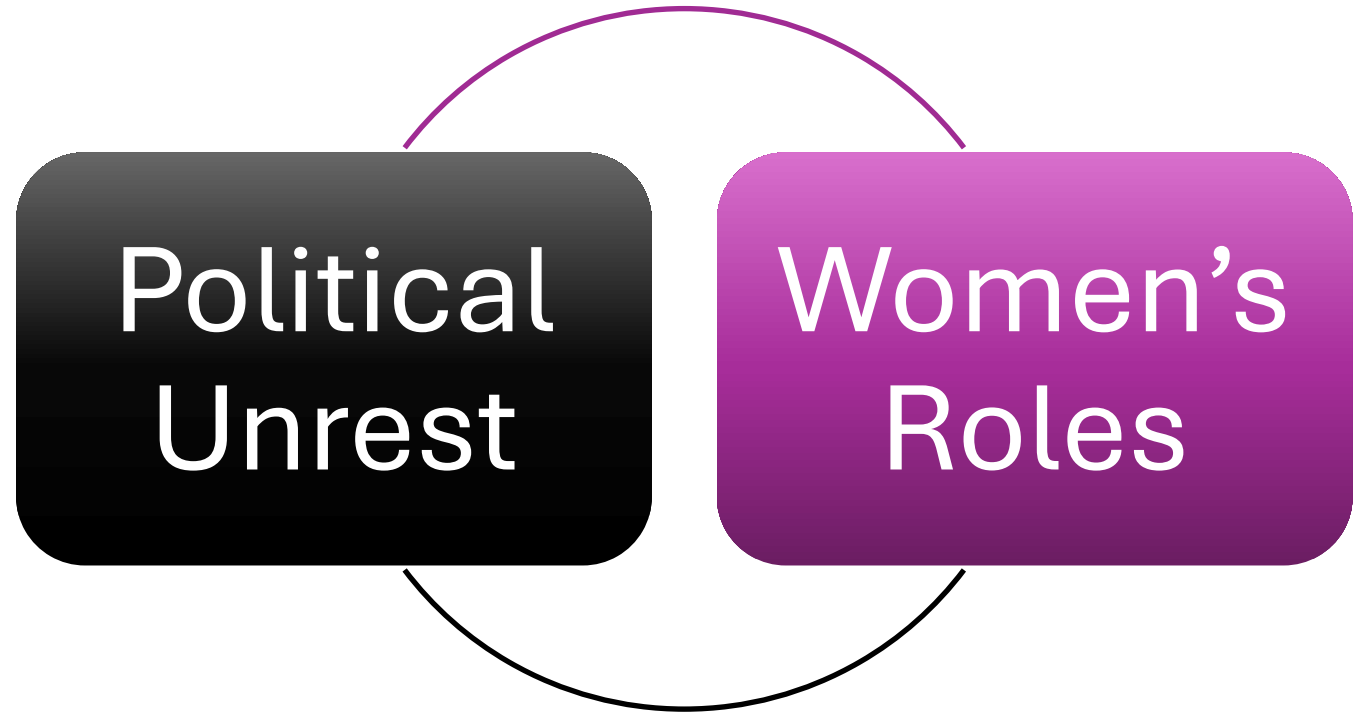
Falling  
Away

Passing  
the Torch



# Chapter 2

Two principal themes



# Falling Away

1Thes 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come **a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

# Chapter 1 - Ecclesial Issues

False doctrine. Jewish genealogies, and Roman fables.

Empty teachers, who do not understand and do not live according to those things they themselves teach.

Immoral lifestyles

Hymenaeus and Alexander cast off of their faith and have become shipwreck

# False Doctrine

2Tim 2:15-19 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.



# Persecution

2Tim 4:14-16 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words. At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.



# Corruption of Worship, Persecution

Rev 2:13-15 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

# For Profit

2Pe 2:14-15 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: 15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

2Pe 2:19-20 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

# To Follow Satan

1Tim 5:11-15 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan.

# Paul's Consistent Expressions

1Cor 5:4-5 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Cor 7:2-5 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

# The Meaning of Satan

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When one leaves the ecclesia because they have chosen a relationship, or a way of life contrary to Godliness is also expressed as following after Satan.

# If The Resurrection Has Already Occurred

- There is no more hope for a future resurrection
- Jesus has already returned
- The judgment has already taken place
- The kingdom of God has already begun

# Political Activism (men)

1Tim 2:1-2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1Tim 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

# What Men Must Do

- Prayers for all, for their benefit
- Quiet and peaceable life that express Godliness and honesty
- Preaching through our lifestyle to convert everyone
- Based on the understanding that there is one God, and Jesus is the mediator who is a man



# Behaviour Based on Faith

Pray

Quiet

Peaceable

Honest

Wrath

Doubt

Sacrifice

# Political Activism (women)

## **The way they were dressing**

1Tim 2:9-10 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

## **The way they were speaking**

1Tim 2:11-12 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

# When Women Must Do

1Tim 2:13-15 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

2The 3:10-15 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

# Behaviour Based on Faith

Modest

Reverent

Silence

Subjection

Teach

Usurp authority

Childbearing

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1Jn 2:15-16 Love not the **world**, neither the things that are in the **world**. If any man love the **world**, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the **world**, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the **world**. 17 And the **world** passeth away, and the **lust** thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

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1Jn 2:18-19 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist** shall come, even now are there **many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 **They went out from us**, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but **they went out**, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

# The Ecclesia Became Political

2Th 2:4-10 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

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Rev 12:9 And the **great dragon** was **cast out**, that **old serpent**, called the **Devil**, and **Satan**, which **deceiveth** the whole **world**: he was **cast out** into the earth, and his angels were **cast out** with him.

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Rev 20:7-8 And when the thousand years are expired, **Satan** shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to **deceive** the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.