

continually advocated in the institution that has meant so much to me?" We all have that feeling--all who are in a position of responsibility whether we deserve to be there or not. Paul was no exception to the rule. Paul was particularly anxious about the future. He had a personal interest in one man, a very deep personal interest--Timothy. Now as I read these epistles, I try to picture to myself the kind of person Timothy was. I come to the conclusion that he was altogether different from me. They say that ~~xxxx~~ when an Irishman sees ahead he ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ thinks of something to hit. Now Timothy was the exact opposite of that. As I read his epistles I think that Timothy was a man who was deeply sensible of the other side. He was like Sir Roger de Coverly, who has gone down in history as a man who said, "There is much to be said on both sides." He was rather compliant and he was rather retired and timid. "Let no man despise thy youth." Instead of thinking that he knew everything, which is, of course, the general feature of a first-year student, he began to wonder if he knew anything which is the usual teacher's principle. So he was in danger just because of the very excellent quality of becoming too compliant. So you find again and again that there is a warning to Timothy. "Reprove, exalt with all authority" and Paul says, "with all authority". That's the thing that Paul comes down on. He says to him again in another place you remember, "I'm not ashamed. Don't be ashamed of me." The word is "Lord or of me, his servant." If you put yourself in the position in which Timothy found himself, you can see why that was said. One of our difficulties about reading the Bible is that we forget that we are dealing with human beings in conditions very similar in some respects to our own. Paul becomes the Epistle to the Romans. Now Paul wasn't the Epistle to the Romans. Paul wrote the Epistle to the Romans. Timothy becomes a sharer<sup>1-10</sup> in the Pastoral Epistles. Now, of course, he is that, but he is very much more than that. He is a human personality ~~xxxx~~ with human difficulties and human limitations and human experiences. The more you read that into the message of the Old and New Testaments, the more profit you will gather from ~~that~~