

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

Church of Tomorrow

Jesus had a tremendous effect on a group of young men whom he loved, taught and encouraged to use their talents and to do their best for the Lord. Before leaving them, He told them, "*I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you*" (John 13:15). In a similar way, Paul gathered a group of young men around him -- Timothy, Titus, John Mark, Onesimus, Epaphroditus, Tychicus, and opened opportunities of service for them. He also again and again encouraged those with whom he worked to follow his example (Phil. 4:9; I Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17, 2 Thes. 3:7). When Titus himself was mature and working with young men, Paul wrote him; "In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech" (Titus 2:7-8). This is the most effective way of assuring that the Church of tomorrow is stronger and more powerful than it is today. What we have received from those who preceded us in the kingdom we must pass on.

Our own Robert Harkrider, is a perfect example of one that is willing to spend a lot of time with young men aspiring to become evangelists. He has and continues to spend many hours with these men to impart the skills he has developed over a life time. Several of these men have developed into very accomplished ministers of his word and are working with congregations not only in Texas, but many other states too!

Next week we will see the influence the apostle Paul had on Tychicus.