

## Ephesian Believers Replicate Timothy's Neural Network

Facilitation is the enlargement of a memory trace into a path of least resistance by means of practice, repetition, or rehearsal. In the field of learning, memory traces are facilitated by means of conditioning, instruction, inculcation, review, study, and application.

If others are to learn what you know then this facilitated wheel-track becomes an *hupotuposis* - “a pattern, a mold, a die from which an exact image is reproduced in the brain of the student.”

The only problem with this is that the content of the wheel-track becomes the issue. The message may be human viewpoint or absolute biblical truth. Again, the brain has no innate interest in the content of its wheel-tracks. It simply records the information it is ordered to retain by the soul's volition.

Therefore, if Timothy is to perform his due diligence, he must first of all facilitate a spiritually mature prototype (pattern, mold, or die) and then volitionally maintain it regardless of outside pressures to alter it.

As he teaches, he transfers the information out of his soul and through the Grace Apparatus for Perception this information is gradually facilitated into the neural network of his positive parishioners.

The outworking of this process is the subject of another of Paul's writings:

**1 Thessalonians 1:6** - You also became imitators of us and of the Lord having received the Word ...

**1 Thessalonians 1:7** - ... so that you became a pattern [*tupos*] to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia [**Ah-KA-yah**].

Here again we see the concept. Paul is writing to the church at Thessalonica. He reminds them of the didactical process which has led to their becoming patterns for all believers in their geographical periphery.

At the back of Scofield Study Bibles, Map 8 shows the Roman Empire. The country of Greece is shown on the left page. Its two southernmost provinces are Macedonia and Achaia, the city of Thessalonica located on the northeast coast of Macedonia.

Note the invisible impact the believers in Thessalonica are said to have over others in their area. This was accomplished according to verse 1 by Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy acquiring replicas of doctrinal truths in their streams of consciousness. They studied the Word, facilitated memory traces, and passed the knowledge on to the believers in Thessalonica. Once doctrinal wheel-tracks have associated into constellations and then facilitated throughout the neural network, the entire system becomes a pattern from which replicas are made.

Accuracy of content is controlled by the ultimate source of absolute truth, the Word of God. The apostles first acquire the wheel-tracks through revelation, study, and spiritual growth. These wheel-tracks become the pattern, mold, or die from which replicas are produced in the souls of positive hearers. As a result, pastors and their congregations become:

*“imitators of us and of the Lord having received the Word ...”*

In turn, their facilitated neural networks become the pattern for creating still further replicas of the original in the memory traces of other positive believers.

This is brought out in 1 Thessalonians 1:7 where one of our vocabulary words: *tupos*, appears:

*“You became a pattern to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.”*

**Gerhard Friedrich makes the following comment about this passage in volume 8 of the Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, pages 249-50:**

According to 1 Thessalonians 1:7 the community, by receiving the word, has become an imitator of Paul and hence also of the Lord, and for its part it is now an example to others.

The more a life is molded by the word, the more it becomes τυποη, a model or mold. It is not a mold which forces nor is it an example which can be imitated. It can just be lived out in freedom, namely, by faith.

Paul emphasizes this same point again in his epistle to the Romans. Here's a quote from our recently studied corrected translation of:

**Romans 6:17** - Thanks be to God that you were slaves to the sinful nature but you have obeyed from the source of the stream of consciousness a system [*tupos*] to which you were delivered.

**Romans 6:18** - And having been set free from the sinful nature you became enslaved to the righteousness of God.

This is Paul's evaluation of how one's behavior pattern is transformed from submission away from wheel-tracks of wickedness and over to wheel-tracks of righteousness.

**2 Timothy 1:12** - For this reason, I am caused to suffer these things. But I am not ashamed for I know intensively in Whom I have believed and I have received confidence through long-term memory traces of Bible doctrine that He keeps on being able to guard my deposit against that distant day of judgment.

**2 Timothy 1:13** - Keep on having constellations which form a categorical pattern made up of correct doctrinal standards ...