

An open book with a red ribbon bookmark is shown in a close-up, slightly blurred photograph. The book is open to two pages, and the red ribbon is placed between them. The text "Retain the Pattern" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

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**2 Timothy 1:13**

- True Commitment to Christ:
  - Sound congregations don't stay sound without committed Christians.
  - The challenge is too much for some.  
**2 Timothy 4:9-10**
  - Sound congregations depend on the "true" converts. **Matthew 10:37-39**

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- Devotion to Sound Teaching:
  - Whether big or small, congregations face the temptation to compromise teaching.
  - Congregations need Ezra's.  
**Ezra 7:10**
  - With a mind like Paul.  
**1 Timothy 4:15-16**
  - Who declare the whole counsel of God.  
**Acts 20:27**

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- **Having Godly Leaders:**
  - **Every congregation has its leaders. Members who go above and beyond for their brethren.**
  - **Need to know the congregation**  
**Proverbs 27:23**
  - **Elders especially. 1 Timothy 3:1-7**

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- **Having Care for One Another:**
  - **Congregations do not remain sound if there is no care for your brethren.**
  - **Hebrews 10:23-25; Philippians 2:4**
  - **Admonishment is more effective when it is brotherly. 1 Thessalonians 3:15; Matthew 18:15-17**