

"Treasuring The Word of God"

2 Timothy 3:10-17

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10 You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my
patience, my love, my steadfastness, 11 my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me
at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the
Lord rescued me. 12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be
persecuted, 13 while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and
being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly
believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been
acquainted with with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for
teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God
may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Discussion Questions

1. All human beings are followers by nature. According to verses 10-11, what are some of the features of Paul's life that made it wise for Timothy to follow him? Notice the contrast with the kinds of people Paul tells Timothy to avoid in verses 1-9.

2. Read verses 11-13. Why is it so important to remember that the ordinary and faithful Christian's life will include persecution and suffering? And why is it important to trust Paul's testimony, "yet from them all the Lord rescued me" (v. 11)?

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3. Read and discuss what is helpful about the quotation below.

   "If I were the devil, one of my first aims would be to stop folk from digging into the Bible…. [If] any still insisted on reading it I should lure them into assuming that the benefit of the practice lies in the noble and tranquil feeling evoked by it rather than in noting what the Scripture actually says. At all costs I should want to keep them from using their minds in a disciplined way to get the measure of its message. Were I the devil, taking stock today, I think I might be pleased at the progress I had made."
   J.I. Packer, in his "Foreword" to *Knowing Scripture* by R.C. Sproul

4. According to verse 15, what is the primary purpose of Scripture ("the sacred writings")? Compare this with what Jesus says in Luke 24:44-49. How does this help recalibrate some of the ways we tend to approach the Bible?

5. Paul says all Scripture is "breathed out by God" (v. 16). Why is this doctrine of inspiration so important? How does it help us to embrace the various ways the Scriptures equip us for every good work?

6. Paul says all Scripture is profitable for four things: teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness. Which one seems to be the most challenging for us?

7. What version of being a "complete man" do we find ourselves daydreaming about or striving towards? How does this passage reorient all of us?

For Next Week

Spend some time focusing on next week's passage: 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

Here are questions to help us understand the passage:

- How are the realities of Christ's judgment and appearing motivating factors for Christians?
- What kinds of "unsound teachings" might have infiltrated the early church? Do you think those are similar or dissimilar to the kinds of corruptions that affect Christianity today?
- How do you understand the different emphases between being a "teacher", an "apostle", an "evangelist", and a "faithful man" (all categories Paul mentions in 2 Timothy)?

Here are questions to connect the passage to our lives:

- What have you witnessed or learned from more mature believers regarding what it looks like to "be ready in season and out of season"? Which specific aspects of their wisdom have you put into practice or do you desire to implement in your life?
- How have you seen the itching ears of your co-workers and peers, "accumulating for themselves teachers to suit their own passions"? How have you and your friends/family been tempted to do that?
- Which is more unnatural to you: to rebuke with the truth or to teach with patience? What might it look like for you to grow in the weaker area?