



"The Foundations of a Faithful Life"

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I. Choose Who You Will Follow

2 Timothy 3:10 "You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness"

A. A Life Worth Following

1. Teaching – What I _____
2. Conduct – How I _____
3. Aim in Life – What I'm Living For _____
4. Faith – Who You Are _____
5. Patience – How I Respond to Difficult People _____
6. Love – How I _____ Others
7. Endurance/Steadfastness – How I Respond to Difficult _____

B. The Power of a Godly Example

1. Who Is Influencing Your Life?
2. Who Are You Influencing?

II. Count the _____

2 Timothy 3:11 "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."

A. Paul Knew the Cost

1. Antioch – Driven Out (Acts 13:50)
2. Iconium – Hunted Down (Acts 13:51; Acts 14:5-6)
3. Lystra – Left for Dead (Acts 14:19-20)
4. They Return – Undeterred (Acts 14:21-22)

B. The _____ of God Through It All

2 Timothy 3:11b "persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me."

2 Timothy 4:18 "The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

C. The Reality of Following Jesus

1. _____ (2 Timothy 3:12; John 15:20a; 1 Peter 4:12-13)

2. _____ (2 Timothy 3:13; Romans 1:22; 2 Timothy 3:14a)

III. Stand On the _____

A. Stay _____ in the Word

2 Timothy 3:14a "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed"

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

B. Build On a Godly _____

2 Timothy 3:14b-15a "knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings"

2 Timothy 1:5 "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well."

C. Keep Jesus at the Center

2 Timothy 3:15b "which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Luke 24:27 "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

D. Recognize the _____ of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"

2 Peter 1:20-21 "knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

1. Teaching – What Is _____
2. Reproof – What Is _____
3. Correction – How to _____ Right
4. Training in Righteousness – How to _____ Right

2 Timothy 3:17 "that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."



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BACKGROUND:

As we've seen in this series, Paul, writing from prison, encourages Timothy to remain faithful to Christ despite suffering, false teaching, and increasing wickedness in the world. Up to this point in the letter, Paul reminds Timothy of faithfulness in suffering, boldness in sharing the gospel, guarding sound doctrine, avoiding false teaching and pointless disputes, living a godly life, and resisting deception in the last days. In today's passage (2 Timothy 3:10-17) we see Paul instruct Timothy to follow a godly example, continue in the faith, and the value of scripture.

DIGGING DEEPER:

Paul reminds Timothy that he has closely observed Paul's teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance. Unlike the false teachers described earlier, Timothy has seen firsthand what faithful Christian living looks like.

1. Who do you have in your life who is a role model of faithful Christian living? How do you model it for others?
2. Despite Paul's many hardships and suffering for Christ, he emphasizes that the Lord delivered him from them all (verse 11). What has God delivered you from?
3. Paul warns that anyone trying to live a godly life will face trouble and opposition from a deceitful world (verses 12-13). How do you respond when you are faced with opposing values and priorities offered by the culture around you?

Timothy is told to hold on to the solid teachings he learned from childhood rooted in the Holy Scriptures, which lead people to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (verses 14-15).

4. Paul tells Timothy to continue in what he learned and firmly believes (verse 14). How have you been tempted to NOT continue in the traditions and disciplines of your faith? What caused you to remain faithful to what you believe?

5. Paul reminds Timothy that he knows who he learned from (verse 14). Timothy learned from Paul, Eunice, Lois, and others. Who has been an influence in your Christian walk? How would you describe the relationship you have to the person you are learning from today?

6. Paul states that the scriptures can make one wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (verse 15). In your opinion, what does "wise for salvation" mean and how does it go beyond just knowing the facts enough to be "saved" from the penalty of sin?

TAKING IT HOME:

Paul tells Timothy that all Scripture is breathed out by God meaning that it is inspired. It is useful for teaching truth, pointing out wrong behavior, fixing mistakes, and training people to live in right relationship with God (verses 16 and 17).

7. In your opinion, what does it mean that Scripture is God-breathed and what impact does that "inspiration" have directly in your life?
8. Verse 17 explains that a person who serves God is fully ready, complete, and prepared to do every good work. How has God prepared you for good works? What do good works look like in your life?
9. Everyone is accountable to God. He will be the one to judge our hearts, minds, and actions. As opposed to unbelievers who may not have any knowledge of God's Word, how are believers held accountable to what God's Word says?