

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17 ENCOURAGEMENT IN COMBATING APOSTASY

I. 3:10-14 THE EXAMPLE OF PAUL

“You have fully known...” = “you have followed closely...”

A. v.10,11 Nine Aspects of Paul’s Life Fully Known by Timothy

1. His _____ (διδασκαλία/didaskalia), MATERIAL TAUGHT.
2. His conduct (ἀγωγή/agoge), WAY OF LIFE.
3. His purpose, TO FULFILL GOD’S DESIGN FOR HIM.
4. His faith, _____, _____.
5. His longsuffering (μακροθυμία/makrothumia), PATIENCE WITH _____.
6. His love (ἀγάπη/agape), RESPECT-TYPE-LOVE FOR PEOPLE.
7. His patience (ὑπομονή/hupomone), PATIENCE IN _____.
8. His persecutions (διωγμός/diogmos) RELENTLESS HARASSMENT.
9. His sufferings RESULT OF PERSECUTIONS: see 2 Cor.11:24

PRINCIPLE: Men of God will influence men who will become men of God.

B. v.12 The Reality of Hostility

C. v.13 The Perpetrators of Evil (The Apostasy) Will Worsen. How Will You Handle It?

II. 3:14,15 THE EXAMPLE OF GODLY PARENTS (Timothy’s Heritage)

A. v.14 The Charge: “_____ in your _____ orientation.”

Encouragement to be comfortable, at home with what he knew.

B. v.15 The Fact of Timothy’s Biblical Heritage

- “*from a child*” = βρεφος / brephos = a _____, a _____!
- “*the holy scriptures*” – words reserved by Jews and Christians for the _____.
- WHAT TEXT? WHAT VERSION? ORIGINAL AUTAGRAPHA?
- “which are able to _____ to salvation by faith alone in Christ alone.”
- APPLICATION: The O. T. itself could lead someone to Christ, the Messiah.

Godly parents exert tremendous influence on children.

III. 3:16,17 THE VERY WORD OF GOD (the ultimate weapon against apostasy)

The third resource-encouragement in the face of apostasy by evil men is the veracity, integrity, and capability of God's word.

A. v.16a The Source and Integrity of Scripture

“ALL SCRIPTURE (IS) GOD-BREATHED...”

Πᾶσα	γραφὴ	θεόπνευστος
Plenary	Verbal	Inspiration (better “expiration”)

MEANING:

- Scripture is _____ (_____) and _____ inspired.
- Scriptural integrity is _____.
- Scripture is _____ (worthy of your _____ / _____).
- Scripture is functional (not theoretical).

Applicable doctrine in context:

1. This clause affirms the integrity of the enscripted word of God.
2. It will be the written word of God that will be under attack in the apostasy.
3. The man of God is to herald the word regardless of the circumstance. The emphasis of our ministry is the objective word of God: It is our confidence, our faith. 2Tim. 3:16 affirms this.

^{NKJ} *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...*

πᾶσα γραφὴ θεόπνευστος

B. v.16b The Function of Scripture: *...and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...*

Profitable (beneficial, indispensable) for:

1. doctrine (didaskalia)- _____
2. reproof (elegmos)- _____ (of _____ / _____)
3. correction (epanorthosis) - _____(to right)
4. instruction (paideia) - training in _____

C. v.17 The Purpose and Sufficiency of Scripture

- “that God's man (anthropos) might be **αρτιος/artios**,” meaning _____

- “toward every good work _____”
(ἐξηρτισμενος/exertismenos)

MEANING IN CONTEXT:

1. The scripture is the indispensable necessity in fighting apostasy.
2. Men of God are critical to combating apostasy.
3. Men of God are _____ through the word of God.

ISSUE: HOW CAN ONE BE A MAN/WOMAN OF GOD WITHOUT THE WORD OF GOD? IMPOSSIBLE!

IV. 4:1-8 PAUL’S FINAL CHARGE

9 IMPERATIVES FOLLOW PAUL’S SOLEMN CHARGE IN 4:1

A. **4:1** The Solemn Charge

B. **4:2 & 5** Nine Imperatives (All Aorist Tenses)

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| v.2 | { | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ THE WORD 2. STAND READY 3. _____ (REPROVE) 4. REBUKE (CENSURE) 5. _____ | } | <p>How? “with all
longsuffering
& doctrine”</p> |
| v.5 | { | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. BE SOBER (WATCHFUL) 7. SUFFER HARDSHIPS 8. EVANGELIZE 9. CARRY OUT YOUR MINISTRY | } | |

C. **4:3-4** The Defection of Some Pew-Sitters

D. **4:6-8** The Example of Paul

CONCLUSION: In the apostasy, the written word of God will be the focus of attack. Teachers of God’s word will be tempted to use gimmicks, to revert to psychological appeals, to use superficial means in order to attract hearers. Paul reminds us that it is only the Word of God and the Spirit of God that can accomplish the will of God.