

God's Word – Equipping Me for Godliness
II Timothy 3:1-17

Isaiah 50:4 “The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakes my ear to listen like one being taught.”

The Challenge

Fan into flame the gift of God (leadership ability)

1. Do not be ashamed to _____ about the Lord – (1:8-12)
2. What you have heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching – _____ the good deposit that was entrusted to you. (1:13-14)
3. Be _____ in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2:1)
4. The things you heard from me – _____ who also can teach. (2:2)
5. Present yourself to God as _____; a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who _____ the word of truth. (2:15)

Practical Application

Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from _____. (2: 19) If ...he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. (2:20-21)

1. Flee the _____ of youth (2:22)
2. _____, faith, love, and peace (along with others who call on the Lord out of a pure heart)

The Need Established

We are in the midst of terrible times in these last days.

22 Characteristics of people today: (3:1-9)

List here those that fit your life:

Paul's Example of Effective Discipleship

You know about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love endurance, persecutions, sufferings(3:10-13)

Therefore – continue in what you _____ and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it (see 1:5, 1:13, and 2:2) and, how _____ you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Usefulness of God's Word

Scripture is God-breathed

1. For the word of God is _____. (Hebrews 4:12)
2. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (II Peter 1:20-21)

Scripture prepares the man of God to be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (3:16-17)

1. Useful for teaching – telling me what I need to know about God, His plan, His standards, as well as about my need of His salvation. It provides a doctrinal foundation for life.
2. Useful for rebuking – points out my wrong doctrine and life style by comparing it to God's standard.
3. Useful for correcting – helps me to make the changes needed to bring me into conformity with God's plan
4. Useful for training in righteousness – helping me to live a holy life – growth through discipleship

The Final Charge

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: (4:1-6)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

My Goal: Make God's Word a significant part of my daily life