

II Timothy 3:10-17
Standing Strong in the Last Days

EXAMPLES (10-13): Faith & Practice

Purpose (I Thessalonians 2:1-6) - ***pure motives: no hypocrisy, not a man-pleaser***

I do what I say I believe (I Corinthians 4:16-17) - ***my life matches my beliefs***

I practice what I teach (Philippians 3:17) - ***what I teach can be seen in my life***

Practice

Attitude of ministry – ***Love & Patience***

Anticipated experience of ministry (Acts 20:22-24) – ***Enduring persecution & suffering***

Almighty Presence (Deuteronomy 31:6) – ***He will rescue us***

Promise

To the godly – you will experience persecution – ***not a promise we often claim***

To the ungodly

You will go from bad to worse (Romans 1:18-32) – ***as God give them over***

You will deceive and be deceived (Matthew 7:21-23/I John 2:18-19/Jude)

Believing the lies you proclaim – deceitful hearts (Jeremiah 17:9)

ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS (14-15): Faith & Spiritual Upbringing

What you learned (Hebrews 5:11-6:3) – ***true learning only happens with practice***

Who taught you – the investment of those who truly care – ***influence of godly people***

Wise unto salvation – the Gospel that saved me is the Gospel I live – ***learning to live the Gospel***

EQUIPPED for the MASTER (16-17): Faith & His Word

The Source – God-breathed – ***the deliberate and purposeful word from His mouth***

The Sanctifying Power (John 17:17) – ***the truth of His Word changes my life***

Changing my beliefs – ***continually refining my understanding of God's ways***

Confronting my sin – ***peeling off the layers, revealing where I need to change & grow***

Correcting my course – ***showing me His way, which is always the right way***

Completing my training – ***preparing me for His work (Ephesians 2:10)***

The Satisfying Result – fully equipped to do His work

A vessel prepared for the Master's use (II Timothy 2:19-21)

Discussion questions for II Timothy 3:10-17

In what ways can we set an example for others to follow (I Corinthians 11:1 / Philippians 3:12-17 / I Timothy 4:12) **BE SPECIFIC *I must set an example as one who follows Jesus – growing in Him, walking with Him, and being obedient to Him. My life cannot be caught up in the things of this world, but rather living as aliens and strangers here (I Peter 2:11-12) recognizing my true home and my coming Savior. My faith must be seen, my love must be demonstrated, my speech must honor my Savior, my life must be lived for Him, and I must keep myself from the contamination of this world.***

What are the elementary teachings of the faith & how can we practice these? (Hebrews 6:1-3 / II Peter 1:5-9)

REPENTANCE – keep short accounts, be willing to change, and pursue Him

FAITH – trust God with every decision, follow His will over your emotions

BAPTISM – recognize being dead to sin and alive to God (Romans 6) – identify yourself with Christ

LAYING ON OF HANDS – don't neglect His call on your life, don't become weary in serving others

RESURRECTION – we have the power to live for Him, we are raised spiritually with hope & strength

ETERNAL JUDGMENT – we must be burdened for the lost, sharing His Gospel

How can God's Word be most effective in your life? (Colossians 3:16 / Psalm 1:2; 119:9-11 / James 1:22 / II Peter 1:3-4, 19 / Acts 20:32) ***First we must be saturated with His Word that our minds are renewed (Romans 12:2) and we are able to discern His will. Meditating on His Word – thinking upon the things we are learning from Him day and night. Putting into practice the things we learn, otherwise we are simply deceiving ourselves. Memorizing and living by the promises He has made for us, keeping us from the path of the world.***

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