



Inspiration & Profitability (II Timothy 3:10-17)

The Power of the Scriptures

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☑ Carefully Followed

☑ In contrast to the immediately preceding verses in which Paul is speaking of *“**men of corrupt minds**”* (See: [A Form of Godliness](#)), you Timothy have been very careful and diligent to imitate me.

☑ Never said better than Paul’s words to the Corinthians: *“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”* I Corinthians 11:1 NKJV

☑ What have you imitated (copied) and emulated (reproduced)?

☑ Doctrine

☑ We will not spend too much time here on this as this was expanded on greatly when we studied Paul’s first letter to Timothy especially: [No Other Doctrine](#)

☑ However I will say this; correct doctrine is essential, so much so, that Christ Himself emphasized it like this—

Note: this will land perfectly at the end of today's study.

☑ *“Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; **there is one who accuses you—Moses**, in whom you trust. For **if you believed Moses** [the Scripture that existed in the first century], you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe **his writings**, how will you believe My words?”” John 5:45-47 NKJV*

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☑ **Manner of Life**

☑ Your life must reflect your faith. Well, more accurately, your life DOES reflect your faith. What you believe in and what you hold most dear, IS what emanates from

you. You become (and it is obvious) a product of your predominant thoughts and beliefs.

☑ *“But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” **Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**” James 2:18 NKJV*

☑ *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that **not of yourselves**; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV*

☑ **Purpose**

☑ Again: You were created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Or you can be a “self-made man.” You choose! You can continue to live your own life or you can take on a new belief system!

☑ *“I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live**, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 NKJV*

☑ *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own?** For you were **bought at a price;** therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV

☑ **Faith**

☑ It’s very simple, you were gifted with faith, you cannot please God without it, so DO something with it!

☑ *“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, **not to think of himself more highly** than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to **each one a measure of faith.**”* Romans 12:3 NKJV

☑ *“But **without faith it is impossible to please Him,** for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**”* Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

☑ *“Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have **obtained like precious faith** with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ...**But also for this very reason,***

giving all diligence, add to your faith..." II Peter
1:1, 5 NKJV

☑ **Longsuffering**

- ☑ Paul had to demonstrate a life of patience as he walked through every challenge that he endured from the moment he was knocked off his horse in Acts 9 to the moment of his last recorded words in Acts 28 (and all the way to his death I am certain).

☑ **Love**

- ☑ Paul makes the quintessential argument that God is Love (1 John 4:8, 16) in 1 Corinthians 13!

☑ **Perseverance, persecutions, and afflictions...**

- ☑ It's all worth it!
 - ☑ *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worthy to be compared** with the glory which shall be revealed in us."* Romans 8:18 NKJV

☑ **And out of all the suffering the Lord delivered me...**

- ☑ Nothing can overcome what God has promised!
 - ☑ *"Yet in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, **nor any other created thing, shall be***

able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:37-39 NKJV

☑ “Yes, and all who **desire to live godly** in Christ Jesus **will suffer persecution.**” II Timothy 3:12 NKJV

☑ **Desire to live godly...**

☑ Godliness: wholistic integrity—being in alignment with God in spirit, soul and body!

☑ **Persecution is a Must...**

☑ It simply does not get any more clear than this! Beaten to the point that others think you’re dead; then get up, dust yourself off and go make more disciples! And sum it up with a simple reality: “*We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.*” And be joyful about the whole thing in the process.

☑ Paul...

☑ “Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, **they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. However,** when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. And when they **had preached the gospel to that city and made**

many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”” Acts 14:19-22 NKJV

☑ Peter...

☑ “In this you **greatly rejoice**, though **now for a little while**, if need be, you have been **grieved by various trials**,” I Peter 1:6 NKJV

☑ James...

☑ “My brethren, **count it all joy** when you fall into various trials, knowing that the **testing of your faith produces patience**. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be **perfect and complete, lacking nothing**.” James 1:2-4 NKJV

☑ “But evil men and impostors will grow **worse and worse**, deceiving and being deceived.” II Timothy 3:13 NKJV

☑ **Worse and worse and better and better...**

☑ The end of the age will be characterized by the perfecting of evil and the perfecting of holiness.

☑ *“But you must continue in the **things which you have learned and been assured** of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that **from childhood** you have known **the Holy Scriptures**, which are **able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**” II Timothy 3:14-15
NKJV*

☑ **What has Timothy learned and been assured of?**

☑ Timothy was raised from childhood as a faithful Jew by his faithful mother and grandmother!

☑ Remember this...

☑ *“when I call to remembrance **the genuine faith that is in you**, which dwelt first in your **grandmother Lois** and your **mother Eunice**, and I am persuaded is in you also.” II Timothy 1:5 NKJV*

☑ **A early start...**

☑ God is One. And even though He represents Himself as a divine family and reflects that in the human family (See: [The Image of God](#)), He is still one God and your job is to make sure your children know Him. How can you do that? Teach them constantly, but not with words only. Sure, talk with them about it all the time, every day. But ALSO, demonstrate who God is by your life, by how you think, the decisions you make, and how you act in your

home and out in the world. Truth is caught more than it is taught.

- ☑ *“Hear, O Israel: **The Lord our God, the Lord is one!** You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your **heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.** “And **these words** which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall **teach them diligently to your children,** and shall **talk of them** when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall **bind them as a sign on your hand,** and they shall be as **frontlets between your eyes.** You shall **write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**” Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NKJV*
- ☑ Start when your children are young and imprint the Word of God into their DNA, and no matter where they go along the way, no matter how far they appear to stray off the path, they will come back to their roots!
- ☑ *“**Train up a child** in the way he should go, And when he is old he **will not depart from it.**” Proverbs 22:6 NKJV*
- ☑ **The Holy Scriptures**

- ☑ The only Scriptures in the first century was what we call today the Old Testament!
- ☑ **And what was that Old Testament capable of delivering...**
- ☑ The words contained in them were capable of making someone wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus!
- ☑ What? How is that possible? It's simple. The writings of Moses, as an example, were about Christ. If you study the Old Testament with that in mind, you will have constant revelation. And if you study the words of the New Testament with the writings of the Old Testament in mind, you gain a deeper understanding of your Christian faith.
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☑ **All Scripture**

☑ Again, the ONLY Scripture that Paul could possibly be referring to here is what we know as the Old Testament, as that was the ONLY thing in existence. Yet, it was recorded by man, but never forget that it is the Divine inspiration of God Himself.

☑ **What you SHOULD use it for...**

☑ **Doctrine:** we have covered this extensively already.

☑ **Reproof (disapproval, rebuke, reprimand, reproach):** all things must be measured against God's Word. It's that simple. Remove yourself from the equation. Things are right because God says so; things are wrong because God says so!

☑ **Correction:** Naturally, if we have God's Word as our measuring stick, it then becomes our correction rod.

☑ *"For **the word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is **a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** And there is no creature hidden from His*

sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

☑ **Instruction in Righteousness:**

☑ Let's first acknowledge that we are to be instructed in righteousness. This differs from the idea that we are made “spiritually righteous” in God's eyes the moment we are born-again, and that is because of Christ's righteousness.

☑ **The righteousness we SHOULD work for...** *“Little children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**”* 1 John 3:7 NKJV

☑ **The righteousness it is a MISTAKE to work for...** *“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. **For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.** For Christ is the end [goal] of the law **for righteousness** to everyone who believes.”* Romans 10:1-4 NKJV

☑ Then, let us revisit the words of Y'shua about how we can tell the difference in those who intend to lead us in "the ways of righteousness."

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☑ **Complete as a Man of God**

☑ If you wish to be known as a Man or Woman of God, then the requirements are found in the Scriptures. Anything short of this is tantamount to you inventing your own religion.

☑ **Thoroughly equipped for every good work...**

☑ I hope by now we can all be agreement that there is no good work outside of His work. You gave up your life and your worldview the moment you got born-again. (Remember: the old you no longer lives; you are not your

own; you were bought with a price.) It was instantaneous and complete at that moment. However, it always takes time (how much time is up to you) for your life to catch up to that reality.

- ☑ In the meantime, the admonition is simple. It is only by immersing yourself in His Word that you will be equipped for your assignment. And if you want to be thoroughly equipped you must be thoroughly immersed!

NEXT TEACHING

In Season and Out of Season (II Timothy 4:1-22)