

THE CHARGE

A STUDY IN 2 TIMOTHY

Week 7 - 2 Timothy 3:10-17

TEXT –

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, 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. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

INTRODUCTION –

Have you ever seen someone do a perfect impersonation of a celebrity before? It is quite a sight to behold. The best impersonators sound just like the people they are trying to mimic and even get small details like mannerisms, gestures, and know details about the person so well that would make you think they are actually that person. This is what I picture when I read this section of scripture. Paul is talking to his disciple, Timothy, and is saying how much Timothy is like himself. Paul has famously said in another letter to “follow him as he follows Christ”. This is what it means to truly be a disciple of someone! You follow someone so closely that you become exactly like them in every way. That is what Timothy did and this is what we are supposed to do as disciples of Jesus. Become like Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

Q1 - From verses 10-11, in what ways is Timothy acting exactly like Paul?

Q2 - If we follow Jesus and dedicate our lives to follow Him, what most likely will happen to us?

Q3 - What benefits of knowing the Bible does it tell us in verse 15 and 16?

APPLICATION/ACTION -

Become more and more like Jesus. This can be difficult, but the Lord gives us leaders to follow to help us learn and grow.

- Who are the Jesus followers in your life that you look up to? How are you becoming more like them? Ask your leader how you are becoming more like Jesus in the same ways that Timothy is in verses 10 and 11 and some areas you can work on.
- If you don't have someone in your life to help you lead you to be a disciple of Jesus talk to your Youth Director and they would love to help connect you with one.

Know the Bible. This is one of the things Paul encourages Timothy to do and one of the main applications for our lives as well. As disciples we should strive to know more and more about God through the Bible. This devotional is fantastic but soon, it will be over.

- Make. A. Plan. Make a plan that will help you be dedicated to consistently read and learn from the Bible.
 - This can be through online resources and apps that are readily available.
 - The Bible App – many plans and devotionals. You can even invite other people to do the same devotionals and reading plans for mutual encouragement and accountability.
 - Bibleproject.com has many reading plans, helpful guides and videos.
 - Your youth directors have resources as well.
- Once you plan out how you will be reading the Bible receive accountability from a parent, leader, or a group of like-minded Jesus followers.

PRAYER -

Jesus, help me to become more like you every single day. Thank you for the people that you have put in my life to lead me closer and closer to you and thank you for the people I haven't even met yet that you will use. Allow me to have perseverance when things become difficult and help me to be obedient to you even when other things might come to try and entice me. Help me to know your scriptures more and to love learning through your Word. Amen

Worship

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