

Passing the Torch
“Profitable Truths”
2 Timothy 3:10-25

Introduction

Last week we took a look at Paul’s instruction to Timothy concerning the perilous times that would come in the last days. Paul’s instructions certainly fits the times we are facing today. Thankfully, Paul doesn’t leave us in peril with no hope.

1. No _____ can survive without a deeply held conviction that there is a being greater than humanity to whom we must submit and give an account. For Christians, that being is the Almighty God.
2. When America was considered a _____ nation, people lived by Judeo-Christian ethics and accepted God’s revelation as absolute, and affirmed the values and instruction of the Bible.
3. But Paul tells Timothy that even during hard times, Christians must live the Christian life by relying upon the Holy Spirit’s help and _____.

I. Remain Faithful to God

4. Timothy knew that Paul _____ what he preached.
5. During the end times, there is a distinct difference between those ruled by the Spirit of Christ and those ruled by the spirit of _____.
6. What made Timothy different was that his life had a _____, faith in God, patience, a sound doctrine, a love for others, and the ability to persevere and overcome afflictions.
7. Christianity is not so much taught as _____.
8. Life without God will lead you into deeper and deeper _____.

9. Timothy realized that God's promise of Eternal Life far outweighed the causes and lifestyles of this _____ life.
10. Paul faced many injustices and persecutions, but it never caused him to retaliate or embrace _____.
11. The followers of the darkness hated Paul because he walked in the _____.
12. Paul knew that God could deliver him again, or that He might not, but no matter what, Paul was committed to following Jesus, in life or in _____.
13. Those who choose to follow Jesus in this age must be willing to be considered an _____.

II. Don't Be Distracted

14. In verses, 13-15 Paul compares the difference between those who are evil and those who are _____.
15. In the last days, there will be evil people who will openly oppose Jesus and the church. Paul calls them _____.
16. Satan is such a master at _____ and can sway many who are sincere and heartfelt in their responses. 2 Corinthians says, "And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. (2 Corinthians 11:14)
17. It's difficult to judge a person's motives or intentions. That's why we must evaluate people and their words by the _____ of the Word of God.
18. The key to avoiding deception is to learn, abide, and continue in the _____.
19. The _____ of your faith grows out of what you have learned from the scriptures.
20. Spiritual heritage is a tremendous _____!

21. It is the scriptures that make us wise about _____ through the faith we have in Christ Jesus.
22. The greatest source of wisdom in the world is the _____.
23. It is not the words of the Bible that save you; it is _____ who saves you!
24. Timothy learned what he knew about the Bible from people he loved and _____.
25. The word translated "inspired" is a compound word meaning "God-_____." The Biblical writers wrote down the very words of God.

III. Don't Give Up

26. Paul encourages Timothy to have _____ in the Scriptures.
27. _____ is what equips you for every good work.
28. You can't _____ a person to become a Christian.
29. Authentic Christianity is not a religion; it is a _____ with Jesus Christ.
30. God's ability to precisely predict future events in the Bible is His own way of proving the Bible is _____.
31. It is the _____ that tells us what is true about God and man and the world we live in and the world to come.
32. Paul knew that hard times were going to challenge Timothy, and he wanted to make sure he wouldn't _____.

Conclusion

33. Paul reminded Timothy that the Bible makes you complete and thoroughly _____ for every good work.

34. It is the Bible that assures us of Eternal _____! (1 Peter 1:23)

It is the Bible that cleanses us. (Ephesians 5:26)

It is the Bible that gives us power over demonic spirits. (Eph. 6:17)

35. It is the Bible that brings _____ to our life.

(Matthew 8:16)

It is the Bible that builds faith in us. (Romans 10:17)

The amazing thing is you don't have to understand it all to have it effectively work in your life. Don't get discouraged if you feel you don't get much out of reading the Bible. Don't give up on it; ask the Holy Spirit to reveal it to you.

I am confident the Bible will do its spiritual work in you if you will let it. Paul tells us to remain strong in faith and rely upon the Word of God.

ANSWERS:

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| 1. Society | 24. Trusted |
| 2. Christian | 25. Breathed |
| 3. Guidance | 26. Confidence |
| 4. Lived | 27. Discipleship |
| 5. Satan | 28. Educate |
| 6. Purpose | 29. Relationship |
| 7. Caught | 30. True |
| 8. Darkness | 31. Bible |
| 9. Earthly | 32. Quit |
| 10. Rebellion | 33. Equipped |
| 11. Light | 34. Life |
| 12. Death | 35. Healing |
| 13. Outcast | |
| 14. Godly | |
| 15. Impostors | |
| 16. Deception | |
| 17. Truth | |
| 18. Scriptures | |
| 19. Assurance | |
| 20. Gift | |
| 21. Salvation | |
| 22. Bible | |
| 23. Jesus | |