

Second Timothy

Paul's Last Words

**Keep
On**

In What You Have Learned

II Timothy 3:3:10-17

Lesson Nine

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As we move toward the end of this letter, we see Paul getting very serious with his “son in the ministry.” Read II Timothy 3:10-17.

He is urging Timothy to live up to what God has called him to do and what Paul taught him to do. In the verses that we looked at in our last lesson, Paul told Timothy that there were those who didn't believe the truth. He said that they wouldn't get very far. But, he said that Timothy had a different future.

He said that Timothy didn't have to be like that. He reminded him of the life that Paul had lived before him. He wrote about his way of life: He said that his life had a purpose. His life was one of faith, patience, love, and endurance. This is the positive side. If one lives that kind of life, God will bless that life.

But, then he reminds Timothy of the other side...the negative side. He said that he had suffered a lot, through persecution. In another place, II Corinthians 11:23-28, Paul lists some of the persecution he had endured. It is an amazing list of terrible things he had to go through to do what God had called him to do. He listed three places, Antioch, Lystra and Iconium. Lystra was Timothy's home town. Though we don't know all that happened to Paul in these towns, we are pretty sure that Timothy did, and we are confident that it was not pretty.

Paul said, that he had been rescued from all that persecution by God. Does that mean that he didn't suffer? No, he could show you the marks of his suffering. He said, in Galatians 6:17, “I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.” It seems that Paul is saying that God allowed him to survive all that he had endured so that he, Paul, could continue his ministry.

Paul followed through by saying that anyone who lives like God wants us to live will be persecuted. He even said that evil persons would get worse and worse. So what does that say to us today? Well, not many people in free countries are beaten or stoned like Paul was, but all of us pay some price for living good lives. Though the price we pay is nothing to compare to what Paul, Timothy and other Christians of that day suffered.

There is one thing we should all remember. Many people who live in closed societies, in places where Christianity is not accepted, are persecuted even today. They are even killed for living like Jesus lived and like Paul encouraged Timothy to live. Some of you may be reading this lesson. Just remember, God knows, and is going to bring you through and reward you

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for your faithfulness. Even when evil persons and people who want to fool you into thinking that they are godly seem to do just great, remember God is the judge. He will reward.

Then Paul gets to his main point. He said, keep on, continue in what you have learned. Keep on believing what you are convinced is right, because you know where you learned it. It is very important for us to remember who taught us.

In the case of Timothy, Paul said that from the time Timothy was just a baby, he had been taught the Scriptures. Paul referred to Timothy's mother and grandmother as women of great faith. (II Timothy 1:5) These women saw to it that God's word was a part of Timothy's life from the very beginning. Then, when Timothy was a very young man, Paul took him under his wing and taught him.

Paul said that the Scripture that Timothy had learned had made him wise and had prepared him for accepting Jesus as the Messiah. In verse 16, Paul said, about Scripture:

First it is God-breathed. This means that God inspired those who wrote Scripture.

He said that Scripture was useful for teaching. We learn all about God and how to live by studying Scripture.

He said that Scripture is good for rebuking and correcting. It is not that it should be used to find fault, but that God's word speaks to people about their sins and helps them to see that they are guilty. Because of that, Scripture corrects people's behavior.

Finally, Paul said that Scripture trains people in righteous living. Do you want to know how to behave, read the Bible. When you do that, you will be ready to do good things.

*Underlined words and phrases are to be used in completing the Student Worksheet.

Scripture Memory: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16

Lesson Goal: To encourage students to read the Bible and depend on it."

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Student Worksheet

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-Paul wrote about his way of life: He said that his life had a _____. His life was one of _____, _____, _____, and _____.

-What three places did Paul mention as locations where he was persecuted?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

-It seems that Paul is saying that God allowed him to _____ all the persecution that he had endured so that he, Paul, could continue his _____.

-What does God do for those who remain faithful?

-What is Paul's main point?

-What four things did Paul say about Scripture in verse sixteen?

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How to begin a Personal Relationship with God:

First, believe that the God of the Bible is the true God.

Second, believe that Jesus, God's Son, was sent to earth to die so that you can have a relationship with God.

Third, ask God to forgive your sins in Jesus' name. Jesus' death on the cross paid the price of every sin you commit.

Fourth, ask Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.