

2 Timothy 3:10-17 Lesson 11

The Apprentice Part I - Follow the Worker

Day 1: Read 2 Timothy 3:10-14 Follow the Faithful

1. Paul has spent much of the past two chapters exhorting Timothy to contend for the faith by enduring suffering and standing against false teachers. While Timothy understands these truths, he longs for someone to “**model it**” for him. Do you ever feel that way? You may understand the truths, but struggle with the application. Give an example. _____

2. Read verse 10 slowly and carefully. Timothy is reminded that he has a model in Paul. For years Timothy was his apprentice. How are these attributes contrasted with the vices of the false teachers from last week? What is the root difference? _____

3. The word “followed” in verse 10 literally means to “**follow alongside**” or “to be disciplined”. Apprenticeship means that you are walking with them, imitating their lives. (1 Cor 11:1). What kind of person should you seek to disciple you? Give some practical examples. _____

Day 2: Read 2 Tim 3:10-14 Follow the Faithful

1. The first characteristic on the list that Timothy followed was “his teaching” or “doctrine”. In comparison to all other world religions, summarize the gospel in a few words. _____

2. Timothy also followed Paul’s purpose. What was it? (Phil 3:10). _____

3. What practical ways you can change your routine to embrace the same purpose? Get several people in the group to answer this question out loud so that all may benefit. _____

4. “**Faith, patience and love**” all deal with the character of the apprentice. Pretend you are shepherding the flock in Ephesus. How can you possibly emulate these characteristics when people are trying hurt the church? Explain how can you do this without compromising the truth? (Eph 4:14-15) _____



5. Learning to practically apply these truths comes only by “following alongside” others. If you were in charge of developing **future leaders** at Metro, what “**apprentice type**” steps would you take a man or woman through to ensure that they not only understood the truth, but knew how to practically apply it? Be specific. _____

Day 3 Read 2 Tim 3:10-14 Count the Cost

1. In verse 11, Paul reminds Timothy specifically of how he responded to tough times. Read Acts chapter 13 and 14 and write down several ways you can model Paul, based on his actions. _____
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2. What is the Christian community’s measure of success in today’s world? What was Paul’s? _____
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3. Pretend you are having coffee with someone who believes in the “**prosperity gospel**”. (You may want to look up the definition on Wikipedia). How would you “speak the truth in love” and show them their error? (Remember you have to apply these characteristics - patience, love, etc., without compromising the truth.) _____
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4. We have been saved and left here for a purpose, (1 Thess 2:8) but that purpose (**discipleship**) is not without cost (Mk 8:34). How would you disciple another by warning of the consequences, while at the same time encouraging them that it is worth it? (Rom 8:18) _____
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5. What about if their faith costs them their friends? Their job? The reputation? How does the body of Christ, become the arms and legs of encouragement? _____
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Day 4 Read 2 Tim 3:10-14 Persevere in These Principles

1. Timothy is commanded “**to remain**” or “**abide**” in the things of Christ. We live in an instant society and feel that if we do things right, we should expect immediate relief. How would you counsel someone who believes this way? Use Scripture. _____
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2. We are simply called to be faithful, to take the next step of obedience and trust God for the results. What is your next step of obedience this week? _____
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"We do not segment our lives, giving some time to God, some to our business or schooling, while keeping parts to ourselves. The idea is to live all of our lives in the presence of God, under the authority of God, and for the honor and glory of God. That is what the Christian life is all about." - R.C. Sproul

