

**THE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED LEADER!**  
**2 TIMOTHY CH3:10-17 (Part 2)**

***“We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God” John Stott.***

**Remember** we talked about the “context” meaning the circumstances that formed the setting, where we ask the “What, Who, Where, Why, When and How.” In order to help us, we will continue to go over every week the following:

The key to understanding 2 Timothy lies in recognizing Paul’s altered circumstances. He is no longer free to pursue his task of proclaiming the gospel to the gentiles. Arrested (probably in Troas Ch4:13) and now a prisoner in Rome (Ch1:16-17; 2;9). Having already undergone a preliminary hearing (Ch4:16-18) and awaiting his final trial, from which he has little hope of anything except death (Ch4:6-8). Some have ministered to his needs (Ch1:16-18), others have gone out on ministries (Ch4:10,12) and at least one has abandoned him (Ch4:10). Meanwhile the situation in Ephesus has worsened with some deserting the gospel (Ch1:15) and despite his previous excommunication (1 Timothy Ch1:20) of Hymenaeus, he is still at work overthrowing the faith of many (Ch2:17-18). In the midst of these circumstances Paul sends his second letter to Timothy.

Timothy meanwhile is facing pressures from within the church Ch1:8 – distance and shame of the Gospel and its servants, Ch1:15 – desertion, Ch2:17-18 - wandering from the truth, Ch3:8 – men who are opposing the truth.

Running alongside this, Timothy is facing pressures from outside the church – Ch3:11-12 + Ch4:14-15 in the form of persecution. It is these circumstances that form the setting for Timothy, and because of these circumstances, he may not complete what God has asked him to do (Ch4:5)!

**ILLUSTRATION**

Remember the “snow-day?” Preparing for a winter's days walk in the snow! What do you do? How do you prepare? What 12 things did we come up with last week?

- Clothing
- Gloves
- Scarf
- Footwear
- Coat
- Hat
- Duck training
- Alert to snow-ballers
- Hot drink on return
- Warm bath
- Warm house
- Change of clothing

### **THE EXAMPLE! V10-V13**

The alternative list! My teaching, my life, my purpose!

Think about the virtues (high moral standards – contrasted with Ch3:2-5)! Faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings!

Antioch – Acts Ch13:50	-	Stirred up persecution and expelled!
Iconium – Acts Ch14:2-6	-	Poisoned the minds against them!
Lystra – Acts Ch14:19-20	-	Stoned Paul!
Philippi – Acts Ch16:19-34	-	Stripped and imprisoned!
Ephesus – 2 Corinthians Ch1:1-11	-	Hardships and temptation for suicide!
Rome – Philippians Ch1:1, 12-18	-	Seeing Paul arrested and chained!

***How do you endure? The way to build endurance is by enduring! The way to learn to endure is to suffer pain patiently, by allowing God to put you through it, again and again! Think about the road from Antioch to Rome, think just under 20 years!!***

The “You Know” three times v10, v14, and v15! The need to think and remember!

### **THE ESSENTIALS! V14-V16**

Family! Lois and Eunice, his grandmother and mother!

Friends! Paul, Silas and Luke!

Father! God the Father provides the Scriptures! From infancy! A young child!

Timothy's resources, both as a Christian and as a leader, are the same: the SCRIPTURES!

***Breathed Out! - Taking us back to creation activity! We talk to make ourselves known and to make some information known! God speaks to make Himself known and to make known what is needed for salvation!***

Why the Scriptures? Because sin stops us listening to God!

TEACHING – The truth!

REBUKING – Exposing sin!

CORRECTING – Making straight paths!

TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS – Pursuing Christ, mind and behaviour!

Scripture is essential for all aspects of Gospel ministry!

### **THE EQUIPPING! V17**

***Why are the Scriptures written? The Scriptures are written by God and from God, with the intention to save people from their sins and God's righteous judgement!***

If Timothy continually nurtures himself in the Scriptures, he will be equipped to meet all the demands of Gospel ministry! Timothy can be confident that God's Word will, do God's Work in God's people by God's Holy Spirit, for him as he weekly preaches and teaches the Word of God accurately and plainly (orthotomeo – to cut straight Ch2:15 -

Not like the verb “astocleo” to wander Ch2:18, means to miss the mark. Think in terms of archery and a target! An archer who misses the target completely! ).

If they are correctly understood, taught and applied to all of his life and ministry, they will lead and keep him in salvation in Christ. They will equip him for the kind of ministry God wants him to have.

### **APPLICATION**

A thoroughly equipped leader needs to know:

V 1 – the end times!

V 1-5 – the environment!

V 6-9 – the enemy!

V 10 – 13 - the example!

V 14 – 16 - the essentials!

V17- the equipping!

Which parts of “all Scripture” do you see being downplayed in our culture?

Which parts are you most tempted to downplay?

Identify one area where the Bible is at work in you and your Church!