



Introduction to 2 Timothy 3:10-17

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Matthew 13 describes Jesus' parable of the Wheat and the Tares. In it a farmer scatters the seed across his field. When he has finished working he sits back and lets the seed grow. Unbeknownst to him the devil sneaks into his field and scatters weeds amongst the wheat. The farmer decides that he will let the wheat and weeds grow together for a time. But, at the harvest the wheat and weeds will be separated. They may coexist for a time, but not forever. Similarly, Timothy is in a time of coexistence and corruption. Weeds have snuck into the church. How can he tell the difference between the good crop and the bad weeds? He can look at the example of Paul and other Christians that he knows. Looking to fellow believers will provide a good guidepost. More importantly he needs to look to the Scriptures. The Bible is a sure guide for following God. It equips the saints with all they need for godliness. By following God through Scripture Timothy will be able to live and teach properly (unlike the religious hypocrites from last week's message).

Context

Last week we discussed how in the last days (all time following the Ascension to the present day) false teachers would enter the church and Timothy would need to stay strong. He is able to live different from them by following the example of Godly Christians as well as Holy Scripture. Paul will give Timothy a final charge in the next chapter. Paul knows his life is about to end, but because Timothy is faithful to God as revealed in the Bible he has no fear. Because of his firm foundation Timothy will be called to preach the Gospel as Paul's voice is silenced.

Read and Reflect *(Use this section to write down any thoughts you had on the sermon. Make sure to note any questions you had about something in the passage or in the sermon.)*

“Examples to Follow”

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-16

2 Timothy 3

3:10 You however, But as for you

3:14 But as for you

Because of the one who is in you, be different from the others around you.

1. You know Me

(10) The Experience of Paul

(12) The Expectation of us All

2. You know Scripture

(14) Teachers

(16) Source

(15) Benefits: wise for salvation through Jesus

Benefits of Scripture: 3:16

Concepts: teaching, rebuking

Conduct: correcting, training

Remember, your suffering is inevitable, but the Scriptures are profitable.

