

Spirit-Empowered Godliness

Proclamation Life Groups; 2 Timothy 3:1-17; Week of Sunday, August 14, 2016; Steve Thiel

Pharisees give only the appearance of godliness; whereas in true believers, the Spirit the God uses the Word of God to impact the people of God and transform them into sincere, transparent, and godly followers of Jesus Christ.

I. Avoid Ungodly Examples – Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9

- A. What does Paul mean when he says, “the last days”? What is he talking about?
- B. What are some of the descriptions that we are given of people in the last days (vv.2-4)?
- C. Who are these people (vv.6-9)? In light of them, why was Jesus more angry with religious hypocrites than with non-religious people? Can you think of some things he said to them?
- D. What are areas in your life where you’re a hypocrite? How would you like to change?

II. Follow Godly Examples – Read 2 Timothy 3:10-13

- A. In what ways is Paul an example of godliness?
- B. Read Acts 13:13-14:23. What happened to Paul in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra?
- C. In light of Paul’s suffering, what does it mean that God rescued him (v.11)?
- D. In what ways is your godly living resulting in persecution? Are there things that you could do to avoid it? What things might cause more opposition? How should you proceed?

III. Being a Godly Example – Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

- A. Why is it important to continue growing in your understanding of the Scriptures (vv.14-15)?
- B. What is your plan to study and understand more and more of the bible? How do you cultivate your relationship with Christ and protect yourself from being a Pharisee?
- C. Why is it critical to know that “all Scripture is breathed out by God”? Are you struggling with the inerrancy of the bible or it’s authority over your life? Why or why not?