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1. The Encouragement
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3  **1. The Encouragement**

- Paul recognizes that Timothy is different than others and has wholly followed Paul's teachings and example.

4  **2. The Example**

- The Truth of the Message
  - Teaching
  - Way of Life (conduct)
- The Character of the Messenger
  - Purpose
  - Faith
  - Love
  - Endurance
- The Opportunity for Ministry
  - Persecutions
  - Suffering
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5  **2 Timothy 3:12-13**

- *And indeed, all those who want to live in a godly manner in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*
- *But evil people and imposters will progress to the worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

6  **2 Timothy 3:14-15**

- *But you continue in the things which you have learned and are convinced of, because you know from whom you learned them,*
- *and that from childhood you have known the holy writings that are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

7  **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

- *All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness,*
- *in order that the person of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

8  **3. The Expectation**

- A pious decision
- A pervasive deception

9  **A pious decision**

- John 15:18-21 -- *If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, for this reason the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me.*

10  **A pious decision (2)**

- 2 Timothy 3:12 -- *And indeed, all those who want to live in a godly manner in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*
- A decision required
  - "wish to live piously"
  - Godliness doesn't happen by accident
  - You have decide daily / moment-by-moment whether to act and speak in a godly way

11  **Titus 2:12**

- *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, training us in order that, denying impiety and worldly desires, we may live self-controlled and righteously and godly in the present age.*

12  **A pervasive deception**

- These people are deceived
  - They think that they can get away deceiving others without any consequences. But God will judge false teachers with a greater judgment
- James 3:1 -- *Not many should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we will receive a greater judgment.*

13  **A pervasive deception (2)**

- These people are deceiving
  - Charlatans are multiplying
  - The *góēs* is a lower practitioner than the *mágos*. The term then means "false magician."

14  **A pervasive deception (3)**

- These people WORK to ADVANCE their cause.
- They promote a message that advances their own selfish desires, fame, or feeds their own covetousness.

15  **4. The Exhortation**

16  **Continue**

- Abide, remain, continue
- "In what you have learned"
  - By my example
  - Find someone to help you advance / grow:
    - A discipler
    - A mentor
    - A role model

17  **Continue**

- "In what you have learned"
  - By the teaching of your mother and grandmother
  - From the time you were a *brephos* -- an unborn child; infant
  - This example shows us the importance of teaching verbally and by example what is truly important.

18  **The Word will make you wise**

- "Unto salvation"
  - Paul uses the Word of salvation differently than most Baptists do.
  - To him, salvation is a state of being restored to everything God originally created man to be.
  - See Romans 5 – "much more"

19  **5. The Equipment**

The Word is a PRESENT  
 The Word is PERFECT  
 The Word is POWERFUL  
 The Word is PRACTICAL  
 The WORD is PERSONAL  
 The Word is PURPOSEFUL

20  **The Word is PERFECT**

- "All scripture"
  - The PIE -- the whole, not the part
- Jews took the inspiration of the Word for granted; it is reasserted for our benefit.
- Most attacked Book in history and yet it has withstood every attack.

21  **The Word is PERFECT (2)**

- Written:
  - By over 40 authors
  - Over 2500 square miles
  - Over 1600 years
- Still not a single inconsistency
- Prophecy that perfectly predicts minute details 500 years in advance of an event.

22  **2 Peter 1:18-21**

*And we ourselves heard this voice brought from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain, and we possess as more reliable the prophetic word, to which you do well if you pay attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, recognizing this above all, that every prophecy of scripture does not come about from one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

23  **The Word is a PRESENT**

- The Present = Given

- It is "God-breathed"
  - God breathed life into Adam
  - Jesus breathed on His disciples for them to receive the Holy Spirit
  - The Word of God is infused with life that comes from God. It is different than any other book.

24  **The Word is POWERFUL**

- The Power = Inspiration = God-breathed
  - Paul reminded Timothy that all Scripture is God-breathed (*theopneustos*, "inspired").
  - God's words were given through men superintended by the Holy Spirit so that their writings are without error.
  - No other book like the Bible.
    - No other book possesses its power.

25  **2 Peter 1:20-21**

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26  **The Word is PRACTICAL**

- Practical for doctrine – Teaching of life's precepts
  - The Bible is a "how-to" manual that shows how to be successful in love, relationships, marriage, work, money, career, health, etc.

27  **The Word is PRACTICAL**

- Practical for reproof
  - In the church -- 1 Timothy 5:20 -- *Reprove those who sin in the presence of all, in order that the rest also may experience fear.*
  - In the home -- example of child discipline chart

28  **2 Timothy 4.2**

- *Preach the word, be ready in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all patience and instruction.*
  - To expose truths for the purpose of bringing about conviction."
  - The Word of God provides both correction (negative) and instruction (positive).

29  **Correction**

- 2 Timothy 2:25 -- *Correcting those who are opposed with gentleness, seeing whether perhaps God may grant them repentance to a knowledge of the truth....*
  - "To chasten or correct with a view of returning the person to the Master."
  - ἐπανόρθωσις -- "a restoration to an upright or right state"

30  **Instruction**

- Discipline in righteousness
- The word used here is παιδεία which denotes "the training of a child, including instruction"; hence, "discipline, correction," "chastening."

31  **The WORD is PERSONAL (v. 17)**

- God's person or "man of God"
- For the lost person, the Word provides conviction of sin.
- But for the justified Christian, the Word is a guide for life that leads to a life of blessing.
- Logos vs. rhema – are you getting both?

32  **The Word is PURPOSEFUL**

- *Be perfectly furnished unto good works*
  - To be competent
  - To be equipped
  - Literally, "*that the man of God may be equipped completely to be complete*"
- Paul uses a word that describes a limb that is normal and functions correctly.

33  **Are you fully functional?**

- Paul says that the Word of God is to make us into a fully functional Christian. Such a Christian would give evidence of his spiritual life.
  - Regular prayer
    - Closet
    - Chamber
    - Cottage
    - Congregation

34  **Are you fully functional? (2)**

- Bible reading / meditation
  - Joshua 1.8
- Fellowship (with true accountability)
- Witnessing
  - "How beautiful the feet..." (Romans 10.15)
  - Feet are often the first thing to get cold or dirty. Witnessing is often the first thing to go in a Christian who is not functional.

35  **Are you fully functional? (3)**

- Putting the Word of God into our lives is a central activity that enables success in all other areas of our life.
- Joshua 1:8-9
- Are you ready to change your life to experience the blessings God has for you?