

Navigating the Dangerous Waters of Error

The importance of developing convictions 2 Timothy 3:13-15 Chris Mueller 12-30-2018

Introduction:

2 Timothy 3:13-15 *But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

#1 Be _____ for the growing danger of subtle deceivers 13

13 But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

#2 _____ to build convictions on God's Word alone 14

14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them

1st C _____ in the Word

14a You, however, continue in the things you have learned

The world's signposts will blow down in the storm. Human psychology, philosophy, science, subjective thinking - are full of uncertainties. Only God's Word is authoritative, eternal and changeless.

2nd C _____ in the Word

14b *You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of*

Jerry Bridges *A belief is what you hold, a conviction is what holds you*

3rd C _____ in the Word

14c *knowing from whom you have learned them*

#3 _____ those who taught you God's Word 15

15 *and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

John 5:24 *Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.*

Romans 10:14 *How shall they hear without a preacher? 17 faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ*

Acts 16:14 *a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.*

A. SEE YOURSELF AS A VILE _____

B. SEEK TO BUILD _____

To establish convictions

1 Continually learn the Word - *you have learned*

2 Rely on the Word - *become convinced of*

3 Follow the example of the Word through godly lives - *knowing from whom you have learned them*

C. PURSUE BIBLICAL _____

D. BE FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU _____

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why is the WORD so necessary in sharing the gospel and in equipping Christians to grow to be like Christ?
2. What difference does building biblical convictions make in your life?
3. How do you develop convictions, and why don't many believers build convictions in their life?
4. Why is our day filled with more error than any other time, and what can genuine believers do about it?
5. How do you help Christians who are tempted with embracing error inside and outside our church?
6. What steps will you take this week in order to be faithful to the teaching and training you have received?

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