

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
 Current Book: 2 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Timothy 3:10-16 – *The promised persecution and perfect provision!*

Today’s Message:  
**“The Owner’s Manual”**



**INTRODUCTION**

Last week, we learned of the prophecy concerning the last days that we have seen come to pass just exactly as the Bible predicted! Perilous times have indeed come... and will get worse until Jesus comes! Today, we have arrived at one of the most important passages in the entire Bible. Paul will end chapter 3 with a reminder of what Timothy has **SEEN** and has **KNOWN** by following Paul as he followed Christ. Now the remedy for all of the problems of these *last days* can be found in God’s “Owner’s Manual.” Why is it that the last place we often go to for help when something is not working correctly is the owner’s manual? The **BIBLE** is *The Owner’s Manual* for your life. This is God’s message to you today...

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**A. The Text            2 Timothy 3:10-16**

**#1. The Picture – Paul was truly a LIVING Bible – follow me as I follow Christ!**

**BUT THOU HAST FULLY KNOWN MY ...    Mt 4:19; 1Cor 11:1; 2Tim 2:2**

Paul’s Character

Paul’s Conduct

- ✓ **Doctrine** – instruction and confirmation; truth and beliefs from the word of God.
- ✓ **Manner of life** – form or methods; your habitual practice; the **WAY** you do things.
- ✓ **Purpose** – your chief aim or life goal to be accomplished; your reason for being.
- ✓ **Faith** – your belief, confidence and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and His words.
- ✓ **Longsuffering** – bearing injuries or provocation for long time; not **EASILY** provoked.
- ✓ **Charity** – benevolence and good will to others; unconditional and sacrificial love.
- ✓ **Patience** – suffering afflictions, pain, provocation, evil with calm unruffled temper.
- ✓ **Persecutions** – the infliction of pain, punishment, or death upon others unjustly.
- ✓ **Afflictions** – a state of pain, distress, or grief, as sickness, loss, calamity, adversity.

**WHAT PERSECUTIONS I ENDURED**

- ✓ Which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra... **Acts 13:1-14:28** (1<sup>st</sup> Mission)
- ✓ But out of them **all** the Lord delivered me. **Acts 14:19-20; 2Cor 11:23-28; 12:3-4**
- ✓ Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus SHALL SUFFER persecution. 2Tim 1-3**

**NOTE** Persecution for Jesus Christ’s sake and the Gospel’s sake is to be expected!

**2023 VISION:** *Hold the Fort!*  
*Making disciples and caring for souls!*

**#2. The Progression – evil men and seducers will continue to grow WORSE!**

**BUT EVIL MEN AND SEDUCERS**

**W1828 “Seducer”**

*One that by temptation or arts, entices another to depart from the path of rectitude and duty; that which leads astray or entices to do evil.*

**W1828  
“wax”**  
*To increase in size; to grow.*

- ✓ *But evil men and seducers...*
  - The phrase “evil men” is found 7 X in KJB; **Job 35:12; Pr 4:14; 12:12; 24:1,19; 28:5**
  - A form of the word “seduce” is found 9 X in KJB; **2Kings 21:9; Prov 12:26; Mk 13:22; 1Tim 4:1 (seducing spirits); 1John 2:26; Rev 2:20 (Jezebel)**
- ✓ *Shall wax worse and worse... Gen 19:9 (Sodom); 2Chr 33:9; Jer 7:26; Mt 24:11-12*
- ✓ *Deceiving and being deceived. Ezek 14:9, 10; 2Thess 2:11; Rev 12:9; 13:14; 18:23*

**NOTE** *In the last days, the progression is not BETTER but WORSE... and WORSE!!*

**#3. The Provision – the supply and remedy for ALL aspects of life is the Bible.**

**BUT CONTINUE THOU IN THE THINGS**

**Antidote**  
*A medicine to counteract the effects of poison.*

- ✓ **OBEY** the truth you have already learned. *Which thou hast learned... James 1:25*
- ✓ **REJOICE** in blessed assurances. *Which thou hast been assured of... Isa 32:17-20*
- ✓ **FOLLOW** faithful teachers. *Knowing of whom thou hast learned them... 1Cor 11:1*

**THOU HAST KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

**The Scriptures**  
*Your Creator has spoken; He wants you to know Him.*

- ✓ The word of God is **AVAILABLE**. *The holy scriptures... Ps 12:6-7; 2Pet 1:19-21*
- ✓ The word of God can be **KNOWN**. *Thou hast known... Gen 1-11; John 1; Rev 1-22*
- ✓ The word of God should be taught to all the **CHILDREN**. *From a child... Prov 22:6*
- ✓ The word of God makes you **WISE**. *Able to make thee wise... Ps 119:97-104; 1Cor 1-2*
- ✓ The word of God is able to **SAVE**. *Unto salvation through faith... Rom 10:17; 1Pet 1:23*

**ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD**

**The Author**  
*God used men to write the Bible; yet He is the Author!*

- ✓ The word “*inspiration*” means God-**BREATHED!** **2Pet 1:21; Heb 1:1; Jeremiah 36**
- ✓ The *holy men of God* were the **TOOL** – the **AUTHOR** of the Bible is the Holy Spirit!

**AND IS PROFITABLE**

**Life Provision**  
*Truly, the Bible has everything you need for life and godliness!*

- ✓ For **DOCTRINE** – truth laid down by the word of God; “*sound doctrine*” **Titus 1:9; 2:1**
- ✓ For **REPROOF** – blame expressed to the face; censure for a fault. **1Cor 1-16; Gal 2:11**
- ✓ For **CORRECTION** – bringing back, from error or deviation, to a just standard. **Gal 6:1**
- ✓ For **INSTRUCTION in righteousness** – teaching or informing the understanding in that of which it was before ignorant; precepts conveying knowledge. **De 8:3; Lk 4:4; Jn 6:51**
- ✓ *That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto ALL GOOD WORKS.*

**NOTE** *Truly, the holy Bible has everything you NEED for life and godliness! 2Pet 1:3*

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