



Avoiding the Corruption of the World and Deviant Christianity

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-4:5

Reviewing the Previous Section (3:1-9)

- ▶ In the last days difficult times will come.
- ▶ People will become increasingly corrupt with evil desires and pursuits.
- ▶ Many will have the appearance of godliness while denying its true transforming power.
- ▶ Spiritual charlatans will arise who oppose the truth, have corrupt minds, and are disqualified regarding the faith.

Important Questions

- ▶ How do we keep from being swept away by the corruption in the world and deviant Christianity?
- ▶ How do we remain faithful?



The First Encouragement ...

- ▶ Imitate those who clearly model what it means to follow Jesus. 10-12



Characteristics of a Godly Role Model

- ▶ Teaching
- ▶ Conduct
- ▶ Aim in Life
- ▶ Faith
- ▶ Patience
- ▶ Love
- ▶ Steadfastness
- ▶ Persecutions and Sufferings



We All Need Godly Role Models

- ▶ Who are your godly role models?



Biographies and Autobiographies

- ▶ Hudson Taylor
 - ▶ Volume 1: The Growth of a Soul
 - ▶ Volume 2: The Growth of a Work
- ▶ DL Moody – A Passion for Souls
- ▶ Corrie Ten Boom – The Hiding Place
- ▶ Brother Andrew – God's Smuggler
- ▶ Jim Elliot – Through Gates of Splendor
- ▶ Tom Skinner - Black and Free, Words of Revolution
- ▶ David Wilkerson – The Sword and the Switchblade

2 Timothy 3:12

¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.



1 Peter 4:3-5

³ For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles (unbelievers) want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead..

The Second Encouragement ...

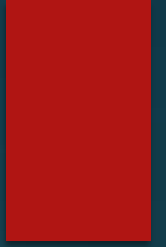
- Identify evil people and imposters. 12-13





2 Corinthians 11:13-15

¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.



General Characteristics

- ▶ They lack the characteristics of a godly role model.
- ▶ They don't get persecuted.
- ▶ They go from bad to worse.
- ▶ They deceive others.
- ▶ They deceive themselves.

Matthew 7:22-23

2 Timothy 3:5

The Third Encouragement ...

- ▶ Continue under the authority and transforming power of God's Word. 14-17



The Value of Studying God's Word

- ▶ Wise unto Salvation
- ▶ Teaching
- ▶ Reproof
- ▶ Correction
- ▶ Training in Righteousness



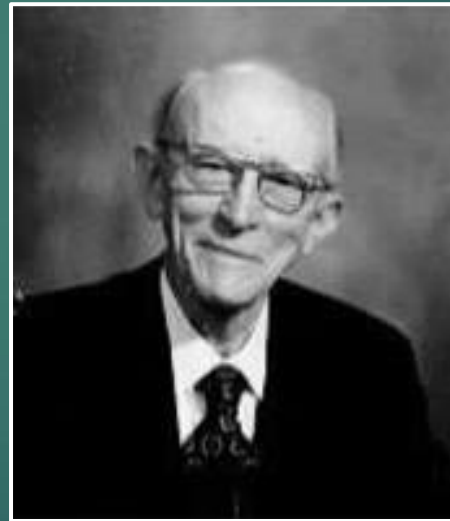
The Result of Studying God's Word

¹⁷ ... that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



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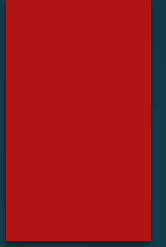
"Don't ask God to use you. Instead, ask God to make you usable. For when we are usable, being used by God is a given."



The Fourth Encouragement ...

- ▶ Proclaim God's Word. 1-4





What Do We See Here?

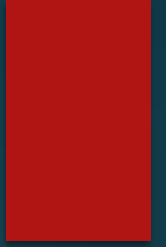
- ▶ The solemn nature of our calling. 1
- ▶ The heart of our calling. 2a
- ▶ The directives of our calling. 2b
- ▶ The challenge of our calling. 3-4



The Fifth Encouragement ...

- ▶ Take the mission and service to Jesus Christ seriously. 5





Our High and Holy Calling

- ▶ Always be sober minded.
- ▶ Endure suffering.
- ▶ Do the work of an evangelist.
- ▶ Fulfill your ministry.



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