

2 Timothy 3:12-4:5

3:12 *Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

4:1 *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

Power of personal instruction (3:12-15)**2 Timothy 1:5-7 (physical family)****2 Timothy 2:1-2 (spiritual family)****Power of the Word of God (3:16-17)**

"Training in righteousness"

Paideia - **παιδεία** - discipline, training, instruction

Ephesians 6:4

4 *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline (paideia) and instruction of the Lord.*

Hebrews 12:5-6

5 *And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?*

*"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline (paideia) of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.*

6 *For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives."*

Power of persistent public proclamation (4:1-2)

The gathering of the church is a place where all 3 of those are put together: the Word of God, publicly proclaimed every week, people that you know.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Who are the people who have been your teachers in your life? Discuss the shaping influences in your life.
2. How have you experienced the Word of God "training you for righteousness"? (think: story of swimming and streamlining off the wall)
3. Can you think of a time when you were "out of season," but God was working in you through His Word and His Church to produce something that you saw the fruit of later?
4. How committed are you to the public gathering of the church and to hearing and receiving what you are being taught? In what way(s) were you specifically challenged by this teaching or the words from 2 Timothy?