

THERE IS GODLESSNESS WITH AND WITHOUT (2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9)

¹But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. ⁶For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, ⁷always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. ⁸Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ⁹But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

WHAT DO WE DO?

THEREFORE, WE ARE TO FOLLOW WHAT IS GOOD AND TRUE IN THE FACE OF HARDSHIP (2 TIMOTHY 3:10-15)

¹⁰You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹²Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and 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.

HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

ALL WE DO IS INSPIRED AND FORMED BY GOD'S HOLY WORD (2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17)

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

INSPIRED BY GOD (EMBRACE THE WORD)

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ALL SCRIPTURES

NEW TERM IN GREEK

I WISH I HAD MORE TIME FOR APOLOGETICS

- ① BIBLIOGRAPHICAL TEST
- ② INTERNAL TEST
- ③ HISTORICAL TEST
- ④ JESUS' VIEW

THIS IS GOD'S PRIMARY VEHICLE FOR COMMUNION

GOD-ORIENTED!

PROFITABLE FOR LIFE (BE FORMED BY THE WORD)

¹⁶...and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...

TEACHING
REPROOF (CORRECTION)
CORRECTION
TRAINING

WE NEED ALL OF THOSE THINGS
WE ARE NOT RIGHTEOUS BY DEFAULT
WE DO NOT STUMBLE INTO RIGHTEOUSNESS

YOU MUST DECIDE TO GET THIS BOOK FROM YOU

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PURPOSED FOR EQUIPPING (BE EQUIPPED BY THE WORD)

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

COMPLETE: CAPABLE, PROFICIENT

INADEQUATE, UNPREPARED, UNABLE?

YOU ARE.

we must be corporately formed
By His Book
what advice are you giving/receiving?
how is your world now being formed?

The devil hates you, family, God

How do we face darkness of our day?
we do not give in
we do not come

• instead of in promises of God