

SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

2 Timothy 3:1-17  
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2 Timothy 3:1 (CSB)

1. You can teach them to live THEIR TRUTH. (v 1-9)

*But know this: Hard times will come in the last days. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, demeaning, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, without love for what is good, <sup>4</sup>traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>holding to the form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people.*

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (CSB)

- If you teach your children to live their truth, you will ultimately be teaching them to become lovers of SELF, MONEY, and PLEASURE.

*For among them are those who worm their way into households and deceive gullible women overwhelmed by sins and led astray by a variety of passions, <sup>7</sup>always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup>Just as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so these also resist the truth. They are men who are corrupt in mind and worthless in regard to the faith. <sup>9</sup>But they will not make further progress, for their foolishness will be clear to all, as was the foolishness of Jannes and Jambres.*

2 Timothy 3:6-9 (CSB)

2. You can teach them to live GOD'S TRUTH. (v 10-17)

*But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance, <sup>11</sup>along with the persecutions and sufferings that came to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured—and yet the Lord rescued me from them all.*

2 Timothy 3:10-11 (CSB)

*“Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. <sup>14</sup>How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.”*

Matthew 7:13-14 (CSB)

- If you teach your children to live by the truth, you will ultimately be teaching them to become people of good teaching, good conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance.

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever wants to save his life will lose it,*

*but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it benefit someone if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will anyone give in exchange for his life?"*

Matthew 16:24-26 (CSB)

*In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. <sup>13</sup>Evil people and impostors will become worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

2 Timothy 3:12-13 (CSB)

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, <sup>15</sup>and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

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2 Timothy 3:15b-17 (CSB)

*"Do not judge, so that you won't be judged. <sup>2</sup>For you will be judged by the same standard with which you judge others, and you will be measured by the same measure you use. <sup>3</sup>Why do you look at the splinter in your brother's eye but don't notice the beam of wood in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' and look, there's a beam of wood in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>Hypocrite! First take the beam of wood out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's eye."*

Matthew 7:1-5 (CSB)

*For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments <sup>5</sup>and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.*

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (CSB)