



## Second Timothy

### We're All Pastors: Equipping the Next Generation

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#### “Timothy, Don’t Be Like Those False Teachers”

2 Timothy 3:1-19

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**Theme:** After commending an appropriate way of living for Timothy as the Lord’s servant, Paul warns Timothy from a prophetic lens to avoid following the path of those who have succumbed to false teaching and godless living. Paul describes certain men and women who are contributing to the false teaching in the house churches of Ephesus and demonstrates the folly of their way of life. He implicitly calls Timothy to live differently—to live a life characterized by love of God and authentic godliness empowered by God.

#### **Outline:**

1. This passage is set within the context of Paul’s exhortations to Timothy to be faithful (see 2:1-26).

2. Remember what we already know about the opponents from 1 Timothy: How does 2 Tim 3:1-9 this fit that portrait?

3. Paul specifically describes two key groups: Certain men and the women who together have gone astray (3:6-9).

4. These groups are set in contrast to faithful men and women who have stayed true to the gospel:

a Timothy and Paul (1:11-14; 2:8-10, 22-26)

b. Lois and Eunice (1:5; 3:14-15)

5. We are what we love... (3:2-5)

**Takeaway:** As we hear God's word for us in Paul's words to Timothy, we are invited to take seriously the warnings against "having a form of godliness but denying its power" (3:5). Instead, we, like Timothy, should pursue a genuine and abiding faith and a life focused on the truth of the gospel.

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Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:10–17