

Encouragement for Difficult Times
2 Timothy 3:10-17

Main Point: The servant of God should be encouraged to remain faithful in difficult times.

Two Ways the Servant of God is to be Encouraged:

1. By the example of others (10-14)

2. By the Scriptures (15-17)

Bonus Quotes:

John G. Paton: "How much my father's prayers at this time impressed me, I can never explain, nor can any stranger understand. But when on his knees and all of us kneeling around him in family worship, he would pour out his whole soul in tears for the conversion of the heathen world to the service of Jesus and for every personal need, we all felt as if we were in the presence of the living Savior. And we learned to love and to know [Jesus] as our divine friend. And as we would rise from our knees, I used to look at the light on my father's face and wish I were like him in spirit. And I would secretly pray that I might somehow someday be privileged to be part of an answer to his prayers, to carry the gospel to the heathen world in some way."

John Piper: "I have met Jesus in the gospel and his self-authenticating glory has won my admiration and my allegiance and my trust."