

## Made For More | Week 4

### Read Aloud

In 2 Timothy 3, Paul describes the nature of people in the last days, giving a warning of people who are characterized as “having a form of godliness but denying its power” and then issues a command to “have nothing to do with such people.” Paul often uses contrast to emphasize an attribute he is wanting to highlight. In this chapter, Paul gives Timothy a list of sinful behaviors and attitudes that are contrary to God’s will and tells him to avoid those who state they are Christians with their mouths but act as unbelievers.

### Scripture

Let’s read 2 Timothy 3:1-17 together.

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, 7 always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. 9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

### A Final Charge to Timothy

10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11 persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. 12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## **Observation**

1. What do we learn about Paul and Timothy's relationship through this passage?
2. What do we learn about Jesus in this chapter of 2 Timothy?
3. What other observations stand out in this passage?

## **Application**

1. "If you're going to talk the talk, you've got to walk the walk." How would you describe a person who doesn't "walk the walk" or someone who "talks a good game"?
2. What are things that may stop you from "walking the talk?"
3. Current culture tells us that a busy person is an important person. What does Paul tell Timothy about this?
4. How do you know when you are doing something within your own power versus doing something with the power of the Holy Spirit?
5. In what ways has God used your Life Group or another group of people in your life to help you grow in faith?
6. Share one takeaway from this week's message or group study that you want to apply to your life this week.

## **Growing Deeper**

Read James 2:14-26

1. What does this passage tell us about true faith?
2. What does this passage reveal to us about God?

## **Prayer**