

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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The book of II Timothy is so rich in instruction that each verse, and certainly each section could have its own commentary and deserves it. However, all we can do in a few hundred words is hit the high points. This is why I do a podcast on each of the 365 selected chapters. The podcast can only cover a small portion of most chapters as well. Truly as Paul said, **"Oh the depths and riches to God's grace"** who can fathom the richness of His love and mercy towards us.

Chapter three opens with warnings to Timothy concerning the hardness of men's hearts as the end of the last days approaches. The days will be marked by persecution, cowardice, and false teachers spurred on and encouraged by listeners who will not tolerate truth and sound teaching but will rather want to hear things that meet their *felt needs*. In reality, no one knows what we need except God Himself. He has given us what we all need in the Bible, the very Words of God.

Paul reminds Timothy of his stoning near his hometown for preaching what people did not want to hear. Then he made a remarkable statement that echoes what the Lord Jesus said, **Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.** (vv.12-13) But Timothy was

to hold fast to what he had heard from His mentor, Paul.

In verses 16 & 17 the aged Apostle makes a statement that would be an anchor to Timothy and to those of us who follow in his footsteps. ***"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, 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. All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*** (vv.14-17)

So much to say here that there is simply not room to say. I have written on these verses a more detailed commentary. <https://tonycrisp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/How-to-Understand-the-Bible.pdf> or go to <https://tonycrisp.org> and go to the menu and click on resources, "How to read and understand the Bible, fill out the required information and then it's yours. Download it, print it, teach it...just don't change it. (*I require the information, so that I might know who is downloading the material*).

Prayer and Action Steps

Dear Lord, as the days grow closer to the end of this present age, please enable me to exercise discipline to endure persecution and to devote myself to studying your Word and applying it to my life through obedience. Thank you for giving me the Bible in printed form so I can read it over and over again.

Amen