



INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

THE WORKER AND THE WORD

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

This passage is bounded on both ends by Paul's admonition to Timothy to be faithful to the Word which faithfully communicates God's truth to all of us. His primary objective must be to handle the Word of truth correctly. Loose and undisciplined use of God's truth is dangerous to Timothy and to all those who look to him as their teacher.

In a world that is going from bad to worse, the Scriptures are the very words of God. The Bible is absolutely trustworthy. God's Word is sufficient and effective to make God's people mature and complete, equipped to live God's way in this world.

While many people will increasingly be lovers of self, Timothy must be a lover of the Word. While others pursue their own passions, Timothy must flee from natural youthful passions. Instead, he must run after righteousness, faith, love and peace.

The world hasn't changed. We also live in a world that is running headlong into increased depravity and self-love. Our culture demands "personal rights". We place self, comfort and independence before God, holiness, and love for others. As believers, we need to have the same allegiance to and commitment to the Scriptures that Timothy needed.

Are you regularly saturating your mind with the Word? Do you believe that it is completely true? Are you willing to pattern your daily behavior and stake your very life on the inerrant Word of God?

READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

2 Timothy 2:14 - 3:17

Never be ashamed of Jesus.

I. Don't be ashamed because only Jesus kills death and ignites life. (1:8-10)

II. Don't be ashamed, because you've been entrusted with God's gospel.

- A. Entrusted with the gospel, entrust yourself to God. (1:12)
- B. Entrusted with the gospel, guard the gospel. (1:14)
- C. Entrusted with the gospel, entrust others. (2:1-2)
- D. Entrusted with the gospel, be laser focused. (2:3-7)

III. Remember, it is all about Jesus. (2:8-13)

How does this apply to me?



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