

Expositions for Planters

2 Timothy 3:10-17

‘Never give in - never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy’.

Winston Churchill, Harrow School, October 1941

When you’re doing ministry among terrible people, with terrible leaders and it’s a terrible time (3:1-9), is being told not to quit enough to keep you going?

In this section, Paul issues one central imperative. It comes in (14). And it’s more of the same.

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of,

The Apostle then provides two reasons to do that.

because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures,

1. You know your teachers (10-13)

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.

1. Paul’s ministry: his teaching, way of life and purpose
2. Paul’s character: his faith, patience and love
3. Paul’s trials: his endurance, persecutions and hardships

- Timothy knew about **Paul’s teaching**
- Timothy knew about **Paul’s way of life**
- Timothy knew about **Paul’s purpose**
- Timothy knew all about **Paul’s faith**
- Timothy knew all about **Paul’s patience**
- Timothy knew all about **Paul’s love**

- Timothy knew all about **Paul's steadfastness**
- Timothy knew all about **Paul's persecutions**
- Timothy knew all about **Paul's sufferings**

Paul applies the lesson for Timothy in (12).

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.

2. You know the scriptures (14-17)

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 may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The scriptures made Timothy wise for salvation

The scriptures equipped Timothy for service

- Teach:
- Rebuke:
- Correct:
- Training:

Conclusion