

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: The New Abnormal
Message: Deliberate vs Defensive
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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We covered a lot of ideas in the message today and used a significant number of Bible passages. Here is the reason:

*¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.
¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

Followers of Jesus have been given a great wealth of knowledge and wisdom to draw from as we live and face whatever comes our way. Let's set aside some time today (or very soon) to seriously consider the passages in the message. As we do, let's ask God to speak to us about what He wants us to take away from what we see. There will be some attitude and actions He wants us to continue and strengthen. There will be others He wants us to change. There will be some new ones He wants us to adopt.

This would be a great exercise to do with others – family, friends or Small Group – so we can learn with and from them.

Notes:

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

MSG – The Message

NASB – New American Standard Bible

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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*Live wisely among those who are not believers,
and make the most of every opportunity.*
Colossians 4:5 (NLT)

More humility and less hubris.

God opposes the proud but favors the humble.
1 Peter 5:5 (NLT)

*A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a
prudent man overlooks an insult.*
Proverbs 12:16 (NIV)

More truth and less propaganda.

*Make them holy by your truth; teach them your
word, which is truth.*
John 17:17 (NLT)

More dialogue and less monologue.

¹⁹ *Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters:
You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak,
and slow to get angry.* ²⁰ *Human anger does not
produce the righteousness God desires.*
James 1:19-20 (NLT)

⁵ *Live wisely among those who are not
believers, and make the most of every
opportunity.* ⁶ *Let your conversation be gracious
and attractive so that you will have the right
response for everyone.*
Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)

More honest questions and less opinions.

...the wise learn by listening.
Proverbs 21:11 (MSG)

*Fools think their own way is right, but the wise
listen to others.*
Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)

*When words are many, sin is not absent, but he
who holds his tongue is wise.*
Proverbs 10:19 (NIV)

More grace and less judgement.

*Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own
eye; then you will see well enough to deal with
the speck in your friend's eye.*
Matthew 7:5 (NLT)

*Do to others whatever you would like them to do
to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in
the law and the prophets.*
Matthew 7:12 (NLT)

*There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts
of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings
healing.*
Proverbs 12:18 (NASB)

More resilience and less reaction.

² *Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come
your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.*
³ *For you know that when your faith is tested,
your endurance has a chance to grow.* ⁴ *So let it
grow, for when your endurance is fully
developed, you will be perfect and complete,
needing nothing.*
James 1:2-4 (NLT)

*...let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so
that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*
Matthew 5:16 (NLT)