



WEEK 21 | NICK CARNES

All Scripture is in the Christian Standard Bible (CSB), unless noted differently.

2 Timothy 3:10-11 But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance, 11 along with the persecutions and sufferings that came to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured—and yet the Lord rescued me from them all.

2 Timothy 3:12 In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:13 Evil people and impostors will become worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain any new insights?
2. What stands out most when Paul contrasts his life with the lives of false teachers? Paul points to his teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, and willingness to suffer. Which of these qualities do you think is most lacking in today's culture? Why? Which one do you most want to grow in personally?
3. Paul says that "all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." How should Christians prepare for that reality? What forms of persecution are most common where we live? Why do you think many Christians are surprised when following Christ becomes costly?
4. The sermon described an imposter as someone who brings worldly beliefs into the church rather than someone attacking from outside. Why is that distinction important? What are some examples of the "Spirit of the Age" influencing the church today? What practical safeguards help us recognize false teaching?
5. Paul tells Timothy to "continue in what you have learned." What spiritual legacy are you passing on to those who are watching your life? If your children, family members, friends, or those you disciple simply continued in what they have learned from you, what would their faith look like? What habits or priorities are you intentionally modeling?
6. According to verses 14-17, why must Scripture be our ultimate authority rather than personal opinions, emotions, or cultural trends? Which of the four purposes of Scripture (teaching, rebuking, correcting, training in righteousness) has been most significant in your life recently? Why is it dangerous to build our beliefs primarily on personalities, experiences, or cultural values? How can we become more intentional about letting Scripture shape our thinking each day?