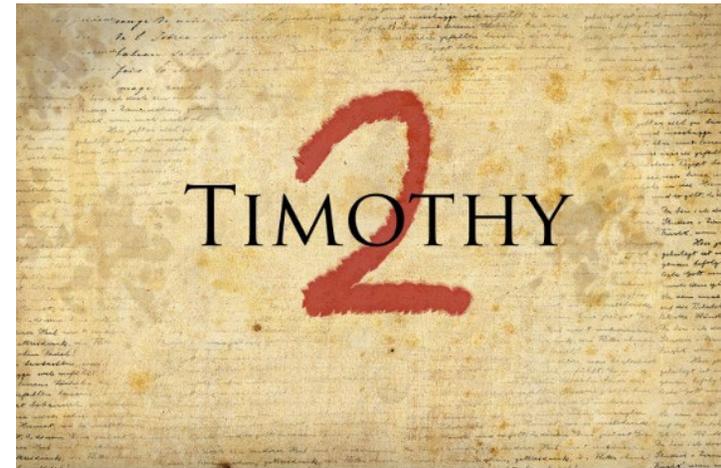


Personal Reflections and Conversations

1. What were your expectations when you became a follower of Christ?
2. How have those expectations been altered or amplified along the way?
3. Paul praised Timothy for carefully following his teaching, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings. How can you relate to the way Timothy intentionally followed his mentor?
4. Describe ways in which you have experienced persecution as a follower of Christ.
5. Who is your Paul-like mentor in things related to following Christ?
6. Who is your Timothy and what are you doing to encourage that person's personal commitment to Christ?



Carry On

2 Timothy 3:10-15

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“Don't be naive. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed....”
(2 Tim. 3:1-5, The Message).

What were your expectations when you became a follower of Christ? Could you ever have imagined what growing in Christ would entail? Jesus, our Good Shepherd said, *“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10, NKJV). Who has He brought into your pursuit of such a life? Who is your Paul-like mentor in things related to following Christ? While there are many true followers of Christ, we also have those around us who *“have a form of godliness but deny its power”* to change lives (2 Tim 3:5). Still mentoring Timothy, Paul reminds him, **you followed carefully. Expect persecution and suffering. And carry on!** Let's take that challenge personally!

You followed carefully! (3:10-11)

Expect persecution! (3:12-13)

Carry on! (3:14-15)